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Prison for teen who lied about shooting his friend

By **Marijke Cox**

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A TEENAGER has been jailed for four years for shooting his best friend while messing around with a loaded gun bought in France.

Antoine Anicotte, 18, of Salisbury Road, Dover, admitted he was reckless in injuring Nicholas Culpan, 18, during a trial at Canterbury Crown Court. He also admitted giving false information at the scene of the shooting on January 17 last year, which led to an innocent man being arrested.

Mr Culpan underwent surgery at William Harvey Hospital for a chest wound. Anicotte admitted possessing the gun and black powder explosive.

Det Con Heather Moore said: "Anicotte told blatant lies that led to an innocent man being arrested and the use of a great deal of taxpayer's money in an unnecessary search."

helicopter and armed officers.

Anicotte also gave the name of a man who was arrested. Doubts were raised and Anicotte was interviewed and a gun – a copy of an antique weapon that used black powder explosive – was found in his flat. The former student told officers he had knocked the gun whilst he and Mr Culpan were in the flat and it had gone off.

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HIP HIP HOORAY: Crowds flock, despite the rain, to celebrate the Queen's 60-year reign

COMMUNITY

RIGHT ROYAL KNEES-UP

THE weather may not have been kind, but the rain failed to dampen the spirits of those determined to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style over the long weekend as streets were turned red, white and blue.

Across the area dozens of roads were closed as communities converged for this very British event.

But, thankfully, on Monday, the storm

clouds departed allowing crowds to flock to watch the lighting of a host of beacons as part of 4,000 nationwide, designed to commemorate the Queen's 60 years on the throne.

Local beacons were lit at 10.15pm – with the Queen herself igniting the final torch 15 minutes later, at the end of the star-studded concert outside Buckingham Palace.

ENTERTAINMENT

Money constraints force cancellation of annual regatta

THIS year's popular Dover Regatta has been cancelled due to lack of funding.

The annual event, which attracts hundreds of spectators to the seafront, was due to take place next month.

Organisers blamed increased costs and a decrease in sponsorship due to the economic climate.

On its website, Dover Regatta Events Ltd said: "The decision has

been made because of events such as the Diamond Jubilee and in particular the Olympics.

"Demand for services such as portaloos and other essential services is so high this year that costs have escalated, making the event much more expensive.

"The company, however, has confirmed that next year's Dover Regat-

ta event will go ahead as normal in early July 2013. Dates will be announced shortly.

"Dover Regatta Events Ltd would like to thank the people who act as our partners in putting on the regatta, most notably Dover Harbour Board, Dover Town Council, Dover District Council, the RNLI and Kent Police."

Organisers said there were also

concerns regarding the availability of some attractions and volunteers.

"We are sorry that the wonderful Dover public will not have a regatta this year, but we will be back next year stronger than ever."

The popular event boasts dragon boat racing – which is still expected to go ahead – air sea rescue displays, rowing, fireworks and live entertainment.

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WATER

Keeping the area blooming

TOWN hall chiefs are looking at ways to water planted and sports areas without using hosepipes to make sure the district remains blooming for the Olympic Torch Relay.

The Environment Agency has confirmed Dover District Council can extract a restricted supply from the River Dour.

CRIME

Girl followed home by man

POLICE are hunting a man who followed a teenage girl and tried to force his way into her home.

The man followed the 18-year-old from Deal station on May 18 at around 11.50pm, ran up to her, tried to kiss her and tried to enter her home. Call police on 101, ref ZY/13772.

WALK

Join guided tour of the bay

SANDWICH Bay Bird Observatory Trust is hosting an orchid and botanical weekend.

The event, on June 9-10, will involve guided walks around Sandwich Bay at 10am, 12pm and 2pm, each lasting around two hours. See www.sbbot.co.uk for more details.

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JUBILEE

Queen's garden party was the perfect jubilee event for thrilled pair

By Marijke Cox

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THERE'S not much that can beat having tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

But mingling with Her Majesty just days before she celebrates 60 years on the throne was the icing on the cake for two Kent residents lucky enough to attend a Royal garden party tea this week, just as the excitement for the Jubilee was reaching fever pitch.

"It felt very special and filled with excitement," said Hazel Nicholls, from east Kent.

The 44-year-old was invited to the special event earlier this year.

"It's all a bit of a mystery really. I received a letter inviting me to the Royal garden party at Buckingham Palace for my services to the community.

"I do a lot of work with children, young people and families so that must be what it is for, but it's all very secretive."

"Someone must have nominated me. I work for Kent County Council and was given a quality service award in 2009, so it might be a follow on from that."

Ms Nicholls said she found herself at the front of the crowd of guests after helping a woman in a wheelchair, when the Queen and the Royal family came into the gardens of the palace.

"The National Anthem played and the Queen came past with Prince Philip and the royal party," she said.

"Prince Charles came over to us and then Camilla and they were asking us whether we liked the tea."

"The Duchess of Cambridge was there, smiling. They mingled with the crowd. It was very relaxed – even the security seemed relaxed – and there was a buzz in the air, I think because of the jubilee."

Nigel Jenner, from Marden, Tonbridge, also attended the event.

He was invited in recognition of his many years voluntary service to support those with diabetes.

The 41-year-old, who was diag-



Picture: PAUL JERRETT

Diamond day out at spa town for earl and countess

THE Earl and Countess of Wessex visited Royal Tunbridge Wells on Thursday as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The royal couple walked along the Pantiles, meeting well-wishers, before watching youngsters from the town perform on the bandstand.

At the Chalybeate spring they met one of the town's tourist guides who gave them a short history of the Pantiles, its royal connections, and the importance of the site to the town.

They then visited King Charles the Martyr Church to meet invited guests before attending a reception for members of the local community.



RNLI CREWS MAN THAMES

AS LOYAL subjects head to London for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Thames Pageant on Sunday, a lifeboat crew from Kent will be on hand to help ensure everyone stays safe.

The volunteers from the Gravesend RNLI station were drafted in patrol the waters keeping an eye out for accidents and incidents.

Adrian Belcher, Jon Thornton, Tina Smith, Ian Smith, Dave Parry, Chris Maher, Jordan Hill, Dave Greenfield, Alan Carr, and Steve Cardew, will be onboard the charity's D-class and E-class inshore lifeboats during the pageant.

They will be joined by two other crew members from Walmer – Andy Murray and James Evans – both volunteer crew members at the station on The Strand; and another pair from Margate, Lee Button and Emlyn Harris.

Some 1,000 vessels will be making their way along the river.

The RNLI said it will be largest flotilla in modern times on the Thames, stretching for an estimated 12.5 miles, making safety a priority.

The Queen and other members of the Royal Family will be onboard the Royal Barge, The Spirit of Chartwell – the focal point of the flotilla.

Ian Smith said: "It's a huge honour for us all to be involved in the RNLI presence on the day of the pageant."

And Allen Head, RNLI Training Divisional Inspector, added: "The crews will provide the very best cover for pageant participants and spectators."

nosed with type 1 diabetes aged three, has been a care events volunteer for the Diabetes UK children's support holidays for 22 years.

He said: "I was thrilled and hon-

NEWS IN BRIEF

► Have fun, but be safe

EMERGENCY staff at the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust are urging people to stay safe and look after themselves and friends and family throughout the Diamond Jubilee bank holiday weekend. Ambulance crews say they have seen an increase in calls about sunburn, dehydration and heat stroke – although many of these could be avoided by simple precautions, such as drinking plenty of water and wearing sunscreen.

► Beacon for brave Keelan

KEELAN Hewitt has an important job on Monday when he will be helping to light the Jubilee beacon in Ashford town centre. Keelan, 14, was born with the condition congenital myasthenia, which affects the nervous system's ability to transmit the signals required to move muscles. The lack of movement creates a secondary problem, as without exercise the muscles do not grow stronger or give him a full range of movement.

► Regal tights stretch

DIAMOND Jubilee celebrations in a Maidstone village will feature the Boughton Monchelsea World Tights Stretching Championship on Monday. The objective is to stretch a pair of ladies' tights over the greatest horizontal distance. An entry form and rules can be found at www.boughton-monchelsea-pc.org.uk. Entrants can bring their own tights or use one of the pairs donated by Pretty Polly. Full details of all the weekend's events and competitions can be found at www.boughton-monchelsea-pc.org.uk.

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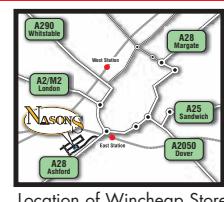


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TRANSPORT

Drivers promised traffic jams will end soon on new £86m access road

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OFFICIALS have promised that jams and delays on the new £86 million East Kent Access Road are just teething problems that will soon be ironed out.

Long-suffering drivers who for years have faced congestion coming in and out of Thanet had hoped problems would be over once the new road network – hoped to help boost the east Kent economy by improving access – was completed.

But little more than an hour after it was fully opened by transport minister Norman Baker last week, drivers were bumper to bumper, stuck in the sweltering heat as motorists attempted to navigate their way around the new network.

And the congestion has continued, with drivers reporting long delays over the past week.

It is being blamed on the introduction of traffic lights at the Lord of the Manor roundabout, which control traffic from the new road which is linked to another part of the access road near the old Richborough power station site.

The junction coming from the old Cliffsend road, however, has no signals, meaning drivers have to try and dart out and cut into traffic controlled by the new lights. In addition, more lanes have been added, but these cut down into single file, resulting in a bottleneck.

A Kent County Council spokeswoman blamed the problems on traffic continuing to use the old road by the Viking ship in Cliffsend, instead of the new one running parallel.

"It is intended that the majority of traffic will use the new road," she said.

CRIME COMMISSIONER

Tory police chief vote will not be re-run over brotherly love claims



STANDING FIRM: Julian Brazier

CLAIMS the selection process for the Tory candidacy in the Police and Crime Commissioner race was unfair have been dismissed as "sour grapes".

It followed accusations that one of the three successful applicants in the candidacy fight had been given an unfair advantage at last Saturday's selection meeting.

A Tory insider claimed ex-police officer Jan Berry, who was chosen as one of the final three to face hustings, may have had an advantage due to her brother Cllr Gary Cooke – a local Conservative party chairman and deputy cabinet member for education at Kent County Council – being at the meeting and able to vote.

Ms Berry, who ran the Police Federation for several years, Medway councillor and former Ukip leader Craig Mackinlay, and European strategy advisor to Kent Police Francois Gordon, were selected out of six Tories to go forward in the next stage of the process.

But a source told this

made it clear from the start she was his sister. This did not prevent him taking part."

Cllr Cooke said had he not attended it would have denied Faversham and Mid Kent – for whom he is chairman – a vote.

"There was no campaigning at the meeting and no canvassing. There were set questions," he said. "It's just people trying to muddy the water of a process which has been followed appropriately."

Rochester and Strood MP Mark Reckless supported their comments, adding: "It was made clear to me that Jan Berry was his sister. This is perhaps sour grapes. We have three excellent candidates."

The trio now face hustings in Medway, Tonbridge and Canterbury, with members choosing the final Conservative candidate to stand in the PCC election in November.

The PCC will replace the Kent Police Authority and will have the responsibility to hire and fire the chief constable and set the policing strategy.



QUEUE: Drivers have complained about jams

"As drivers become accustomed to the new layout and change their route, it is expected the junction will begin to operate as planned.

"The timings of the traffic light signals are based on predicted traffic flows and as traffic settles down to a regular pattern they will be adjusted.

"We will continue to monitor the flows and any queues over the coming days with a view to making any adjustments in the next few weeks."

Drivers have reported queues stretching past the Viking ship, and what should be five-minute journeys taking as long as half an hour.

One frustrated driver, Samantha Smith, who uses the road system every day to get to and from work, said: "Normally I would get to the roundabout and there would be three or four cars in front of me – last week I had a 20-minute wait to get from the Viking ship to the roundabout."

This distance is about half a mile.

She said: "Coming back into Ramsgate along the new road puts you into two lanes, but as soon as you are across the other side it is straight back into one lane, meaning everyone is trying to cut in front.

"(It's) an absolute nightmare, as people haven't got a clue which lane to be in or what lights to look at."

Other drivers have told this newspaper that instead of improving access the changes have turned the traffic hot-spot – one of the main routes into Thanet from Dover and London – into a no-go area.

The new road and junction changes were built by KCC with £81.25m funding from the Department for Transport and £5.75m from KCC.

It formed part of a programme of improvements, with almost five miles of the A256 and A299 upgraded to dual carriageway and changes at the Lord of the Manor junction.

The East Kent Access Road scheme was developed to improve access to boost economic growth and help create new jobs in the area.

A KCC spokeswoman stressed it would not be beneficial to make adjustments to the traffic light timings at this early stage to try and tackle the problem.

"In the meantime we will ensure there are temporary signs in place stating that the road is open to try to encourage vehicles to use this excellent new road," she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

► Bond kills off opposition

JAMES Bond, written by Ian Fleming who lived at St Margaret's Bay, has been voted top movie franchise of all time in a poll of film fans, beating Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, and Harry Potter. Movie rental company LoveFilm asked 2,900 film fans for their opinions, with 007 gaining a winning 18 per cent of the vote. LoveFilm editor Helen Cowle said: "James Bond has proved his timeless appeal, which is only likely to grow ahead of the latest release, Skyfall, in October."

► New town hall leader

NICOLAS Heslop has been elected as the new leader of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. Cllr Heslop, who turns 45 on Saturday, replaces Mark Worrall who died suddenly at the end of April. The father-of-four has served on the council since 1998, representing Cage Green ward. A by-election has also been called following the death of Cllr Worrall. The poll in the West Malling and Leybourne ward will be staged on July 5.

► Man ablaze at bonfire

A MAN turned into a human fireball after his clothes caught fire while lighting a bonfire in his back garden. Firefighters were called last Sunday to Jubilee Road in Worth, near Sandwich, after the man in his 30s – who had been burning dry vegetation – poured cooking oil onto the flames. KFRS risk reduction manager, Mick Smith, said: "This highlights how dangerous pouring accelerants onto a fire can be."

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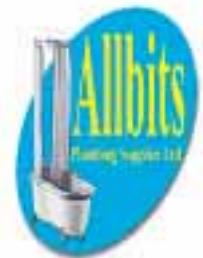
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ASTRONOMY

Beach offers prime spot to see Venus cross in front of the Sun

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IT IS one of the rarest sights for astronomers, and one of the most eagerly anticipated. And on Wednesday, just after sunrise, an event which takes place just four times every 200 years will occur in the skies above us.

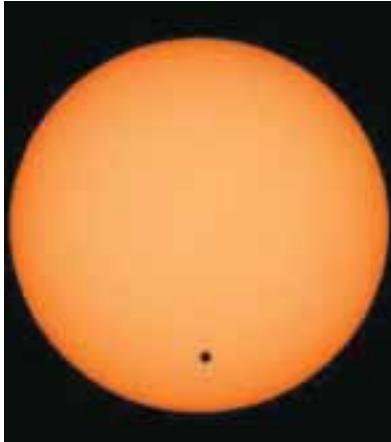
The transit of Venus across the face of the Sun presents astronomers with a vital insight into our nearest planetary neighbour, and will be last time until 2117 that it occurs.

However, looking directly into the Sun can permanently damage eyesight, so an astronomy group will be setting up a special array of protected telescopes and binoculars through which to witness the event.

The Mid-Kent Astronomical Society has been in talks with Isle of Grain Parish Council so the stargazers can set up an array of special, safe, viewing platforms on Grain beach.

One of the organisers, Ian Hargraves, said: "Everyone is welcome to join us to view the transit, which will last for approximately 90 minutes after sunrise at 4.40am. The next transit of Venus will not be until 2117, so don't miss out."

He said anyone interested needs to arrive at the free beach car park at the end of the High Street in Grain Village – postcode ME3 0BS – in the early hours, from 4am.



IN TRANSIT: Due to its orbit pattern we will not see Venus cross in front of the Sun again until 2117

He said: "MKAS members will already be there with telescopes set up in the Grain Country Park. This site has been chosen because it provides an unobstructed north-eastern horizon necessary for viewing the event."

Mr Hargraves added: "As the Sun rises, the planet Venus will be located directly between the Earth, and the Sun and will appear as a black spot moving slowly across the face of the Sun.

"This is called a transit and can only happen to planets closer to the Sun than Earth, these being Mercury and Venus. The Moon also transits but as it is much closer to Earth it can block the Sun completely and cause a solar eclipse.

"Venus is the second planet from the Sun, orbiting it every 224.7 Earth days, but because of the similarity in the orbital periods and slight tilts in the orbits of Venus and Earth, it hardly every lines up directly in front of the Sun.

"In fact transits of Venus happen in pairs with eight years between them and then there is a gap of 105.5 or 121.5 years until the next pair occur. The previous one occurred on June 8, 2004, so after June 6, 2012, we will not get another pair until December, 2117, and December, 2125.

"Venus is almost the same size as Earth but is much hotter and has an atmosphere of sulphuric acid so is inhospitable for humans."

Unfortunately, only the final stages of the transit will be visible from the UK, at sunrise and for about 90 minutes.

Success will be dependent on a clear sky so readers are advised to check the MKAS website www.midkentastro.org.uk to find out more.

NEWS IN BRIEF

→ Rabies grandmum dies

A WOMAN turned away twice from a Kent hospital has died from rabies. The grandmother in her 50s, whose identity has not been revealed, passed away at the weekend. She hit the headlines after twice going to Dartford's Darent Valley Hospital – and on both occasions doctors overlooked the killer disease. She had been bitten by a dog in India. An investigation was launched last week into why she was turned away from the casualty department.

→ Huge charity bike ride

ORGANISERS are expecting more than 1,000 people to take part in the Great Kent Charity Bike Ride on June 10. Cyclists start in Ashford and can choose between a route of 35 or 60 miles through the countryside, raising money for Allergy UK. Euan Scott-Batey, from organiser Bike Events, said: "The idea is to have a nice cycle while raising money. It will be a great day for all the family." The ride starts at 8am at North Park, Tannery Lane. Information at www.bike-events.com.

→ Voice stars' home gig

CANTERBURY folk duo Matt and Sueleen, who appeared on the BBC One talent show The Voice, will be playing the Marlowe Studio on Friday, June 22. The singers narrowly missed out on a semi-final place on the show, in which they were coached by legend Tom Jones. He praised the couple, saying their harmonies were some of the best he had ever heard. Tickets from 01227 787787 or marlowetheatre.com.

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REGENERATION

Joy and sadness as Portas pilot town winners and losers are announced

By Chrissie Daniels

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DARTFORD and Margate have been chosen to be among the first 12 towns to be 'Portas Pilots'.

The towns will share a £1.2 million cash-pot to breathe new life into their high streets.

More than 370 town teams from across the country submitted bids to be part of the pilot project and receive tailored support for town centre rejuvenation.

One of the experts involved will be retail guru and TV presenter Mary Portas, who recently conducted a High Street Review on what needs to be done to improve town centres.

The pilots will implement the recommendations, as well as ideas put forward by communities, using funds awarded by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

But in Sheerness, Folkestone and Ashford, along with other towns in the county, officials were left disappointed their bids weren't chosen.

However, because of the scheme's popularity, a second round has been announced, with a further 12 towns being chosen by the end of July.

The successful Margate bid, worth £100,000, aims to put education and enjoyment at the heart of the town's transformation. An area of high deprivation and low income, it has been labelled Britain's 'second worst ghost town' and has a 36.1 per cent shop vacancy rate.

The pilot will turn the town's fortunes around by setting up pop-up shops – where landlords offer low-cost initial terms to start-up businesses – and by opening a market.

Free public WiFi will also be installed, enabling people to use the internet in the town centre, while at the same time encouraging people to use local cafés to surf the web.

Robin Vaughan-Lyons, Margate town team's chairman, said: "The real work starts now. We've already started working to make a difference to our town. And we're working with other towns to see how we can help each other."

Thanet District Council's cabinet member for tourism, Cllr Iris Johnston, said: "Mary Portas was very quick to appreciate the potential of Margate's retail quarter, and it's wonderful that she shares our faith and optimism."

Dartford's bid, worth £79,000, plans to create spaces for use by classes and clubs, to open a new Sunday market, and award bursaries to enable young entrepreneurs to start up market stalls.

The team will reopen an empty unit as a social networking shop for traders to share knowledge and offer services, as well as bringing in West End retail experts for a school for shopkeepers.

Dartford council leader Jeremy Kite said: "Hopefully, being a Portas town will help us unlock some of the things that have been standing between us and the kind of lively, colourful and friendly town centre we want."

"We already have a long shopping list of ideas and I just can't wait to get on with things."

But despite the good news in Margate and Dartford, residents in the rest of Kent were left out in the cold after failing to secure their bids.

Cllr David Green from Ramsgate said: "Obviously we are disappointed that Ramsgate was not selected, but it's really exciting for Thanet and undoubtedly Ramsgate will eventually benefit from the Portas Pilot taking place in one of our neighbouring towns."

Leader of Ashford council Peter Wood, said: "Whilst it is disappointing not to have been selected as an official Portas Pilot high street, we are still enthusiastic about revitalising Ashford town centre."

"The Portas process was invaluable in bringing businesses and community representatives together, and re-igniting the passion to improve our town."

The losing towns will automatically be in the running for the next 12 pilots, but can sharpen their bids before the end of June.

The teams in Sheerness, Ashford and Ramsgate are all considering tweaking their bids to improve their chances of being selected.

Other winning bids included Bedford, Croydon, Liskeard, Stockport, and Wolverhampton.



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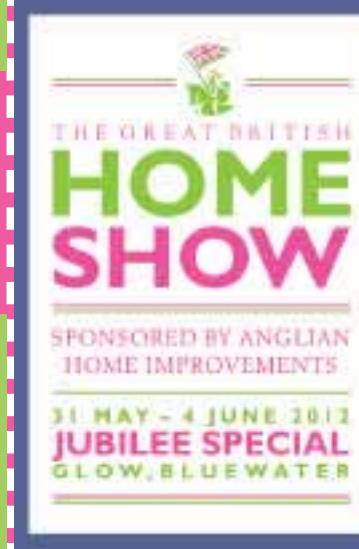
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LET DOWN: Andy Somers outside Hartsdown Technology College

EDUCATION

Dismay after Gove refuses bids from rundown schools for rebuild funding

By Dean Kilpatrickdean.kilpatrick@archant.co.uk

FEWER than a third of schools in Kent which applied to the Government for rebuilding funds have won any cash.

Some 14 headteachers were given government funding

through the Priority Schools Building Programme, but 44 others missed out on vital money to rebuild old buildings.

One of the worst cases in Kent, Hartsdown Technology College in Margate, missed out on funding despite fears part of the school is unsafe for pupils.

It has a leaking flat roof and windows falling in, and principal Andy Somers said the school had to juggle its budget to keep classrooms open.

Mr Somers said: "We have saved some money just in case, so we will be putting a building plan together for when the school is closed and the pupils are on holiday."

"We have had no building work here for 10 years because no-one expected the current building to be here. Some of the buildings have a life expectancy of 10 years, yet they are still there. We were surprised we didn't get a single penny."

The principal was disappointed that Hartsdown had been rejected again, but insisted the college remained resil-

ient and would apply for future building programmes.

He added: "We will never give up. We are Kent's most improving school, and it's about time we have a building which reflects that."

"I would really like to see Mr Gove come and visit us to see what we are up against."

A Kent County Council spokeswoman said: "We are disappointed the department [for education] has not approved the other 44 applications. We will be contacting them to pursue the best outcome for the school."

It wasn't all bad news though, as 14 schools in Kent, including St Philip Howard Catholic Primary School in Herne Bay, got approval.

Chair of governors Dr Mark Nash said: "We are absolutely delighted with this fantastic news which reflects the needs of the school community."

"This will enable our school to go from strength to strength and will provide our pupils and staff access to the state-of-the-

art facilities they deserve."

Education secretary Michael Gove said in his written statement to the House of Commons: "In tackling the challenges we face on school building, I have been determined to use the capital funding at my disposal to best effect, seeking value for money and efficiency from every pound."

"I recognise many of the schools that applied and have been unsuccessful will also have significant needs."

The other Kent schools approved under the programme were Aylesham primary, Canterbury; Castle Community College, Deal; Chantry primary, Gravesend; Culverstone Green primary, Gravesend; Halfway Houses primary, Sheerness; Laleham Gap School, Margate; Meopham School; Priory Fields School, Dover; Sevenoaks primary; Smarden primary, Ashford; The Canterbury Primary School; Westlands primary, Sittingbourne; and York Road Junior Academy, Dartford.

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News

WILDLIFE

Rare albino fox and squirrel are made of the 'white' stuff

By Chrissie Daniels

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A WILDLIFE expert was left amazed after two albino animals were spotted.

A white fox was seen on a farm in Betherden, near Ashford, and a white squirrel captured on film in Herne Bay.

Roger Holmes, 59, lives on Buss Farm and was with his brother Owen, 52, when he looked out of the window and saw the fox 50ft away.

He said: "I was looking out when I thought I saw a lamb. I thought I had better put it back in the field. But my brother said it was a dog, so we got the binoculars out and lo and behold it was a fox."

He added: "I have never seen a white one before. It was just sitting there looking around for rabbits."

Mr Holmes, who lives on the farm used for TV show The Darling Buds of May, saw the fox again two hours later, but it hasn't been spotted since.

The rare white squirrel was

Picture: DAVE BUTCHER



RARE: Wildwood's white squirrel seen by staff at Wildwood, a wildlife park in Herne Bay.

A spokeswoman said: "Wild-

wood is already home to some of our most spectacular native wildlife, but we are now home to a particularly rare specimen, a beautiful wild albino squirrel.

"The pure white squirrel is in actual fact a common grey, but his unusual colour makes him quite rare and easy to spot in the woodlands.

"There have already been several sightings around the park's wild boar and wild horse enclosures."

Owen Leyshon, manager at Romney Marsh Countryside Project, said the sightings were unusual – he only sees them once every 10 years.

He said: "We do get reports of badgers and squirrels, but it is a bit of a rarity."

"You can tell an albino animal by its pink eyes. The albinos are genetically weaker, they tend to suffer and die."

"If a fox is trying to hunt rabbits it is going to struggle to find food because it isn't camouflaged."

"They can adapt, but it's not going to help them."

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TRAINING

KCC's apprenticeship drive wins praise from top Coalition minister

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AN APPRENTICESHIP scheme aimed at tackling Kent's youth unemployment problem has won praise from a leading member of the Government.

Work and pensions secretary Iain Duncan Smith made a special visit to the county to hear about Kent Jobs for Kent Young People. It looks to drive down jobless figures, which in April stood at 8,990 for the 18-24 age group.

The county council-led campaign targets businesses and organisations to push them to hire an apprentice – costing the employer as little as £52 a week – to give unemployed young people the chance to learn and earn.

Mr Duncan Smith, a former Tory party leader, called it an "excellent innovation".

"It is binding together a lot of what we are doing nationally with some extra things that KCC is able to pay for and initiate – bringing the businesses together and informing them about the apprenticeship programmes we have got and what the subsidies are," he said.

"This is about information, this is about organising and galvanising young people and

getting them ready for work."

The scheme has already created 100 apprenticeships in just one month, adding to the county's existing 5,000-strong force.

But KCC's leader Cllr Paul Carter said the new, "aggressive" marketing campaign was pushing to get even more businesses and public services involved.

He explained the council had invested £2 million to help local employers give young people a chance to work, and they could be eligible to grants of £2,000 to take on an apprentice.

Combined with national funding, a company could receive as much as £4,275.

"This scheme has been running for eight or nine years, but what we're doing now is launching a new aggressive marketing campaign," said Cllr Carter.

"This is all about getting out to companies, simplifying the process and reducing costs to the businesses. We want to articulate the simple message that this will not only benefit young people, but it will benefit the employer."

Cllr Carter said KCC was writing to all headteachers to promote the scheme.

He stressed the campaign would involve the public sector, including the police and fire service.

**THUMBS UP:** Paul Carter and Iain Duncan Smith

ice, to make sure they were involved.

"If they're not, I'll be asking them why," he said.

Mr Duncan Smith met with apprentices in Maidstone who have been given the opportunity to get their foot on the career ladder.

He also met employers who have been able to expand their business while training up the next generation of workers.

Cllr Carter said County Hall had made tackling youth unemployment one of its top priorities and wanted to double the number of apprenticeships in Kent's public and private sectors to 10,000.

The recession has hit young people hardest, with the numbers seeking employment doubling over a four-year period.

Cllr Carter added "We are really on the side of young people and parents."

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News

CHARITY

Falkland War hero breezes in after epic 850-mile flight

By Chris Murphy

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FLYING at 5,000 ft can be a little daunting when you are on board an aeroplane – but what about when you do it under a flimsy parachute with a giant fan strapped to your back?

And then you have to stay up there until you've flown from John O'Groats to the Duke of York Royal Military School, in Dover.

Well that's just what Falklands War veteran Colin Rees has achieved – and so far raising £70,000 for Help for Heroes

The 48-year-old from Whitstable, reckoned the 850-mile trip may hold some adventures, and he wasn't kidding.

While the weather has been nice here on terra firma, up in the thermals it was a little more windy, sometimes uncomfortably so, during the epic 10-day journey.

It ended this week, marking the 30th anniversary of the Goose Green landings in the Falklands, something he called "poignant".

And the former paratrooper is built of sterner stuff than to allow a few gales to knock him off course.

Then there was the rain, and the fog, and the uncertainty that his engine would keep going.



AIRBORNE: Colin Rees up for it

to the ground from a great height causing serious injuries which required hospital treatment, which left me to do the trip alone.

He added: "It was a great trip and full of dangers, but I am so glad to have completed it. And after all, this is nothing compared to what our troops experience every day."

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Actually it did conk out a few times, leaving him to glide back to earth. And let's not forget the three crash landings, too.

Equipment consistency was vital as he needed to refuel several times a day, but the engines kept breaking and needed constant rebuilds.

Mr Rees said: "It's called a paramotor. It is basically a large parachute which can be steered and a fan motor which I have to strap on to provide propulsion.

"It was a bit like the Le Mans 24-hour race. No matter how good the equipment is, it will need fixing. And we were pushing the motors to their maximum, so they broke a few times, which is a little scary."

He started out with military pal Sam Terry, the son of Air Marshall Sir Colin Terry.

Mr Rees said: "On the second day, Sam's engine just cut out on take-off, and he literally fell

from a great height causing serious injuries which required hospital treatment, which left me to do the trip alone.

He added: "It was a great trip and full of dangers, but I am so glad to have completed it. And after all, this is nothing compared to what our troops experience every day."

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WILDLIFE

Hi honey, I'm home – return of extinct bee creates a buzz

By Nick Ames

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KENTISH fields this week welcomed back a species of bumblebee – more than 20 years after it became extinct.

After three years of preparation the RSPB nature reserve at Dungeness finally saw the release of 51 short-haired bumblebees.

The species is one of 27 native to the UK, and one of two which had died out.

Five more are severely threatened – but are currently present in Kent.

"We chose the reserve because it is already home to other threatened types of bee," said Dr Nikki Gammans who is managing the project.

"We are hoping they will all thrive once again because of the protection measures we have put into place."

"This is a flagship release and highlights the decline of other species. The bees are being given a second chance."

Loss of habitat and increased use of pesticides are the reasons behind the decline in population of the species, called *Bombus subterraneus*.

The bees now on the loose were originally from Sweden, where they have con-

tinued to flourish. "We collected them from Skane in the south of the country," said Dr Gammans. "They were placed in vials and went into hibernation because they were put in the fridge while being transported via my camper van and a ferry back to England."

"After two weeks quarantine at Royal Holloway, University of London, they have been released. We lost a number to parasites, but all those released are healthy specimens."

A previous plan to bring short-haired bees from New Zealand failed when the creatures died.

On the marsh, the bees were taken in individual containers and set free into warm sunlight. Most made immediately for a flowering plant.

"They have been fed on artificial nectar but this is the crème de la crème for them," said Dr Gammans.

"Depending on funding, we may see a further three or four releases, but we hope the population will be self-sustaining in five years."

Farmers on Romney Marsh have been supportive of the release and have put pollen and nectar-rich plants in certain areas – creating corridors linking



BROUGHT HOME: Dr Nikki Gammans

farmland and nature reserves.

This will enable the population to spread out across the east Kent countryside and – environmentalists hope – further afield.

Arable and sheep farmer Larry Cooke said: "We need bees and other insects for our food production, so it's vital we look after them and provide habitats where they can thrive."

"We've been growing vetches and red clover which supports bees and other insects."

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CRIME

Tribute to strangled mum

THE family of a woman found dead at her home in Guston, near Dover, have paid tribute to the "wonderful, caring" 49-year-old Annette Sturt, of Prescott Close, was found dead on Sunday, May 20. She had been strangled. In a statement, her family said: "The family would like to thank all the friends and colleagues who have offered their

support and help at this sad time. Like us, many are shocked and devastated by the tragic death of Annette. Everyone will have their own memories of her, she would want us to remember her by them and celebrate her life." Her 30-year-old son Gary Sturt, of Clarendon Street, Dover, has been charged with her murder.

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HERITAGE

Forgotten story of county's first black farmer revealed

By Chris Murphy

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THE extraordinary and moving tale of the county's first black farmer, whose son became the county's first black footballer, has been told in a new book.

Author Marika Sherwood was stunned when she started researching the story behind Albert Makaula, who was born on March 3, 1865.

He was the son of a South African chief, but because he was ill as a child he was adopted by a missionary Charles White and took the surname Makaula-White.

In 1890, after his adopted parents had died Albert came to England to study to be a missionary.

The following year he married dressmaker Eleanor Botting, 27, from Shorne, in a ceremony at the Methodist Church in Strood.

Curious locals turned out in large numbers to see Albert whenever he made a public appearance, such as his preaching from the pulpit in Medway. It was a time when racism was rife.

The couple had three children: Irene, Charles and Claude.

After a busy life back and forth to South Africa, Albert started a farm in Kent, but nothing is known of its success or failure in Doddington.

The family vanished from the radar until

1928, when they were prosecuted by the RSPCA for pig neglect and fined £10.

The exploits of this amazing family continued with Irene taking to the West End stage, and Charles (pictured) becoming the county's first black football player, for Dover in 1928.

By the time he was 68, Albert was facing serious financial problems, and he died of heart failure on September 13, 1937, aged 72. His son Claude is noted as the 'informant' on the death certificate issued in Cranbrook.

He was buried in Lenham, near Stubble Hill, his first home in Kent.

Faversham-based Ms Sherwood said she has been researching the arrival of Africans in to Britain for some time.

She said: "I got so caught up with other work that I did not even begin to research this aspect of Kent's history until I stumbled across Albert Makaula-White, a farmer."

"I thought 'an African farmer here in Kent, from South Africa? Who was he? Why is 'White' added to his name? How come he settled in Kent?'

"It is such an amazing, complicated story spanning half the world, it had to be written."

Now a book launch is planned at Faversham library on June 25 at 4.30pm.

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CROOKS who stole cable from the railway around the Isle of Sheppey Bridge on 14 separate occasions have been jailed. The thieves, who cost the railway almost £55,000 were each sentenced to 20 months. Steven Bryce, 40, and Robert Tinker, 34, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal cable at an earlier hearing. Bryce, of Swale

Avenue, Queenborough and Tinker, of High Street, Sheerness, together stole almost 1.7km of telecommunications cable from the railway around the Isle of Sheppey Bridge on 14 occasions between December, 2010, and March, 2011. Bryce and Tinker received more than £3,250 for the cable from dealers.

EDUCATION**Katie Price backs free school**

GLAMOUR model and entrepreneur Katie Price is among a group of parents interested in setting up a free school in the county for children with visual impairment and other disabilities. Her son Harvey would attend the school if given the green light by the Government. The 10-year-old currently attends the Royal London

Society for the Blind school in Seal, near Sevenoaks, but it is due to close. Price's mother Amy Price attended a meeting at the Department for Education to put a case forward for government funding for the new school. The DfE said it welcomed applications from "passionate" people who want to set up new schools.

HOOLIGANS**Banned football fans told give up their passports before Euro 2012**

NEARLY 30 football hooligans from Kent have been told to hand over their passports to stop them from travelling to the Euro 2012 football tournament.

The Football Banning Orders Authority gave the 28 yobs who are subject to a Football Banning Order (FBO) two days to surrender their passports ahead of the tournament, hosted jointly by Poland and the Ukraine, that runs from June 8 to July 1.

If they don't comply they face being arrested by Kent Police and taken to court.

Officials say the move is part of a nationwide operation, co-ordinated by the Association of Chief Police Officers, to reduce the "impact" the tournament may have both in the UK and overseas.

Among those who will not be in the stadium for England's opening game against France is Gary Rimmer, 35, unemployed, of Pheasant Road, Chatham. He was the first person in Kent to receive an FBO since Kent Police established a specialist unit to tackle football-related crime.

He was banned in February from attending any football match in the county, the rest of the country, and overseas, for the next three years.

The ban extends to all matches from the Blue Square South League, the top level of non-league competition, upwards.

Rimmer also received an 18-month Community Order and an 18-month Supervision Order after being found guilty at Medway Magistrates' Court of assaulting two stewards at a Gillingham game.

The unit, made up of specially trained officers, was formed last July after a change in the law that meant 'regulated games' included non-league football matches.

Police say football banning orders are a preventative measure designed to stop potential troublemakers from travelling to and attending football matches, both at home and abroad.

Anyone who commits a football-related offence at one of these stadiums can be arrested and an FBO applied for.

Chief Insp Bryan Whittaker said: "We have developed a strong record of effective policing of football matches and that includes using Football Banning Orders where necessary."

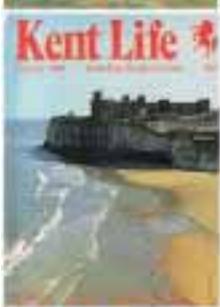
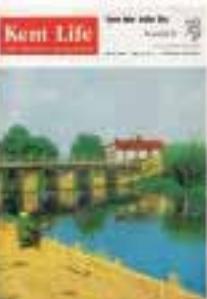
"They are a significant tool for police and the courts in preventing or reducing football-related violence and disorder."

"Banning orders work. About 92 per cent of people whose orders have expired since 2000 are assessed by police as no longer posing a risk of football disorder. And the rate of passport surrender is even higher. During the World Cup 2010, 98 per cent of people with FBOs complied."

"Most football fans are good natured and genuinely want to support their team. They should be able to do that without being subjected to offensive and criminal behaviour."



BANNED: Gary Rimmer



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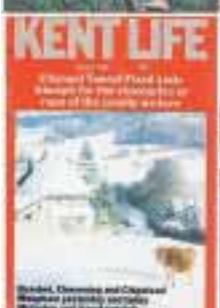
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Hot weather doesn't tempt people to flout hosepipe ban

By Chris Murphy

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DESPITE the scorching weather, Kent's water companies say they are not being flooded with calls from people informing on neighbours who are flouting the current hosepipe ban.

Veolia, which supplies water in the Folkestone area, said: "We have had the odd one or two, but on investigation we have found the user has been exempt, or unaware of the exact rules over the ban which came into force in April.

"We are not taking any of our customers to court because we have found they have changed their behaviour over the ban once informed of the rules.

"The company is delighted with the way our customers have behaved during this time, which is crucial as supplies are still very low."

At Southern Water, a spokesman said: "Since the restric-



very supportive and we've not had to take any further action."

And at South East Water, said: "The vast majority of our customers have understood the reason we needed to bring in the temporary restrictions.

"The unpredictable weather resulted in a wet April and early May making it easy to forget we still need to use water wisely.

"Since the ban was introduced we have received a small number of reports of individuals not adhering to the current essential restrictions on hosepipe use. In these cases, we wrote to the customer and have not had to take further action."

There have been some reports in the country of people getting upset at seeing neighbours risking a £1,000 fine filling paddling pools with hoses, which have been banned across the region since April 5.

Kent's hosepipe ban is firmly expected to stay in force until at least after the summer ends.

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HOME SHOW

TV star Craig Phillips opens Great British Home Show

By Nick Ames

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THIS weekend sees the arrival in Kent of the Great British Home Show 2012 which is set to attract massive crowds to Glow – Bluewater's new £62 million events venue.

The theme is 'Reveal Your Hidden Home' and showcases thousands of inspirational ideas and products for interiors and exteriors, offering the best the UK has to offer in the worlds of furnishing and design.

A spectacular Diamond Jubilee street party – the largest being held indoors in the country – is also being staged across one level of the complex, with sports, a village green, bandstand, and market stalls.

Surrounded by beautiful gardens created specially for the show, it gives visitors the chance to step back in time into a house from 1952 and see how life has changed for householders since the Queen ascended to the throne.

Visitors can enjoy the fair-



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ground sideshows and, merry-go-rounds, and celebrity home improvements guru and Big Brother winner Craig Phillips opened the show surrounded by entertainers and musicians.

"There are quite a lot of homes shows around, but this one should have a bit of a cutting edge and really lead the way," said Craig.

He was accompanied by BBC's DIY SOS designer Oliver Heath who said: "If you're

thinking about renovating, revamping, gardening or greening your home there's going to be so much for you to do and see."

On Thursday Barry Mason and Richard Tart broke the wallpapering speed record by hanging three pieces in under one minute 26 seconds, to regain the world record that they lost six months ago.

The Great British Home Show runs until Monday.

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ART

Homecoming show is a fresh start for Emin

By Marijke Coxmarijke.cox@archant.co.uk

MARGATE has made Tracey Emin fall in love with art again.

She may not want to move back, but the town – still pushing for a comeback to rival its 60s heyday – has played a part in her new exhibition, *She Lay Down Deep Beneath the Sea*, at Turner Contemporary.

It is the fourth exhibition at the gallery since it opened its doors to the public just over a year ago.

But despite spending her formative years in Margate, 48-year-old Emin is quick to explain the exhibition is not about her life in the town.

"People expected me to create a mini-Margate," she said. "But I don't want to give Margate more Margate."

Instead, her work looks at life as a woman about to enter her 50s, such as society's view on a female who chooses not to



Sketches and paintings of erotic subjects by JMW Turner and Auguste Rodin.

"First it was art just about Margate, but I changed this. I had to do something completely new," she said.

"I owe it to Margate, for what Margate has given me.

"I didn't want to show old work so I've produced a whole new body of work for this show."

"It is a new future for me and my art. I've fallen back in love with art again thanks to Margate.

"I still can't really believe I'm showing in Margate. Even in my wildest dreams I could never believe there would be a gallery like Turner Contemporary there."

"So on the one level I'm really chuffed and excited, but on another I'm nervous as hell."

Asked whether she was self-conscious about people from where she grew up seeing some of the more erotic pieces,



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she laughed: "I've shown enough of myself to Margate in my past."

But despite her evident love of the Thanet town – where her mother still lives – Emin, who soared to fame following her

CHANGE: Tracey Emin's exhibition, She Lay Down Deep Beneath the Sea, contemplates the life of a woman about to enter her 50s

controversial Turner-nominated My Bed in 1999, says she would never move back.

"My friends want to live here. For me it's a place to visit, I wouldn't come back for good."

She added: "I wish Southeastern (rail) travel was subsidised, making it cheaper for people to travel to and from Margate.

"There are empty properties here that would be great for young people to live in, but they can't afford the bloody train fares to commute. I think they should be subsidised.

"There are good schools, it's a

great place to bring up children. I think Margate is changing."

Emin is due to return to the town next month as an Olympic torchbearer.

She has been selected to carry the flame as part of the Olympic Torch relay when it comes to Thanet on July 19.

Emin's exhibition forms part of the London 2012 festival, a 12-week nationwide programme bringing together leading artists from the UK and abroad.

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GROUNDED: Campaigners believe the consultation on South East aviation, whenever it starts, will be a chance to end plans for a new hub airport in Kent

NO ESTUARY AIRPORT

Aviation consultation will kill off estuary plan, claim campaigners

By Marijke Cox

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CONFUSION is sweeping the corridors of power at Westminster this week over the date of the upcoming aviation review – and with it the chance for the community to voice its opposition to hugely controversial proposals to build a multi-billion pound airport in the Thames Estuary.

This significant review – which confirmed the Government was prepared to give consideration to either a site on Grain, put forward by architect Lord Foster, or for runways on reclaimed land off the coast, championed by London Mayor Boris Johnson and dubbed Boris Island – was due to be published at the end of March, according to Chancellor George Osborne in his pre-budget announcement earlier this year.

It will then throw open the issue to public consultation.

The review will look at the South East's aviation capacity as a whole and is supported by anti-airport campaigners and the county's MPs and council chiefs – among them the leaders of Kent, Medway and Swale councils.

They believe it will throw up other options to

tackle the growing capacity problem and kill off any estuary airport plan.

But when pushed for a time-scale this week, the Department for Transport was unable to give a definitive answer.

A DfT spokesman said it would be this summer – which could mean in a matter of weeks.

But when pressed on whether it would be held before Parliament breaks for summer recess in July – until September – he declined to say, stating he could not be "specific" on dates.

This newspaper, which last month threw its weight behind the campaign to say no to the estuary airport proposals, is now calling on the Government to be clear on its plans for a review and to put an end to the uncertainty felt by people living in north Kent.

There are hopes it will happen quickly, to remove any estuary plan from the table and allow Government to push forward with other proposals, such as expansion at existing airports, including Heathrow or Gatwick.

MP for Rochester and Strood Mark Reckless, an ardent anti-airport campaigner, said there were a range of other options that made more sense than the estuary airport plan.

He said: "We should make use of this consultation to kill off the estuary airport idea."

Mr Reckless said not only did the economics of such a plan "not stand up" but the environmental impacts would be devastating.

He added: "I have put questions to the Mayor of London, but people are just not coming up with credible answers."

"There are London airports that with investment could reap benefits and help the aviation situation. Better transport connections with other existing airports in the UK would also boost capacity. There's a basket of options that make more sense than an airport in the estuary."

Mr Reckless met with the Prime Minister at Downing Street last week after he agreed to face-to-face talks with the county's representatives. But the discussions are being kept a secret.

The MP said: "What was said in the meeting was private, but I can say it was good to have been given time to discuss the matter."

Both proposals would cost in the region of £50m-£70m, alter the landscape of north Kent



SAYING NO: MP Mark Reckless has spoken against the airport proposals

forever, and require an enormous amount of infrastructure which would transform the county.

While campaigners understand the problem with aviation capacity in the South East, they argue the Thames Estuary – an internationally important environmental site – is the wrong place.

Economic experts, airline heads and conservationists have all spoken out against the plans, with the National Air Traffic Service calling it the "worst place" to locate an airport.

NEWS IN BRIEF

► Pensioner killed in crash

A MAN in his 70s was killed on the A228 on Tuesday. He was riding a black moped when he was in collision with a red lorry at Paddock Wood. The crash happened on the Tonbridge-bound carriageway between B2015 Maidstone Road and Branbridges Road near Beltring at around 11.45am. The rider was taken to a London hospital by air ambulance but later died. Police want to speak to drivers who saw the moped before the crash, or drove past the scene.

► A2 road works to start

WORK to improve road signs along the A2 between Brenley Corner and Dover begin next week. The work starts on June 6 and will be completed by July 22 – weather permitting. On dual carriageway sections one lane will be closed with a speed limit of 50mph. On single carriageway sections, temporary traffic lights will be in operation with a speed limit of 40mph. Some 121 signs and posts over almost 25 miles will be replaced or repaired.

► Domestic violence plea

THE NSPCC is asking schools to look out for pupils experiencing domestic violence, as new figures show children who witness family violence are twice as likely to be excluded. The NSPCC's Julie Cole said: "180 children across Kent were permanently excluded from school. Some of them will be experiencing domestic violence at home. While this is not a determining factor, research shows evidence of a correlation."



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Also, turn to page 34 for an opinion piece on the airport proposals from a leading academic, and page 35 for a selection of letters received this week on the plans.

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HOME BY THE SEA: Wellington lived out his last days in Walmer Castle as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports

Retracing Wellington's retreat from Waterloo to the peace of Walmer

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

ONE of the most beautiful and historic buildings along the Kent coast holds memories of a very distinguished former resident.

The victor of the Battle of Waterloo, Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, spent his last years in residence at Walmer Castle in Deal, and eventually died there.

He was famous throughout Britain for his distinguished military career, and a less praised time as a statesman, when his reactionary views as Prime Minister were at odds with many of the prevailing political orthodoxies.

Built during the reign of King Henry VIII, Walmer Castle was designed as part of a chain of coastal artillery defences, evolving into the official residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

The Duke of Wellington held the post for 23 years, until his death from natural causes on September 14, 1852.

The armchair in which he died and an original pair of 'Wellington boots' are still on display in the castle.

Pictures of the duke are also on display throughout the rooms that he once lived in.

At the castle he led a quiet life, according to historical chronicler Earl Stanhope. He had an affection for children, sending letters of advice and playing football with the sons and daughters of fellow members of the aristocracy.

Stanhope recounted in his book Conversations with Wellington: "The duke's early habits are well known, and an old gentlemen still living, tells me that when he was a boy at Walmer, he and his school fellows used frequently in the summer, to be taken down to the sea near

Walmer Castle, at six o'clock in the morning, to bathe, and the duke would often come on the beach and converse with them."

Royal visitors to the castle included Prince George of Cambridge and Princess Augusta of Saxony.

Stanhope recorded: "On the evening after their arrival, there was a dinner party of 18 persons, followed by a concert, for which the Duke of Wellington had engaged several vocalists from London, and to which he invited most of the neighbours: another dinner given on October 6, was followed by a larger party still, and a concert

in the evening: while on the last day of their sojourn, October 7, a great public breakfast given by the duke in their honour, at 2pm, was attended by from a 100 to 120 persons, many of whom came from Ramsgate and Dover; and in the evening there was another concert and large party."

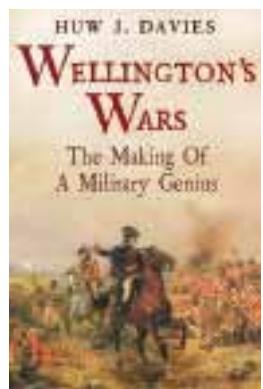
A new book, Wellington's Wars – The Making of a Military Genius, from Yale University Press records his triumphs as 'The Invincible General', loved by his men and respected by his enemies. It tells of his formative years and military adventures in India, his successes in Spain and Portugal and his eventual victory over the Emperor Napoleon at Waterloo.

In politics he was not so successful and his opposition to reform has not been dealt with sympathetically by historians.

In that field he is possibly best remembered for, when largely deaf, shouting out "Who? Who?" as new cabinet members were announced in the House of Lords by Prime Minister Lord Derby.

The resulting Government became known as the "Who? Who? Ministry".

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OPINION

Estuary airport worth review

Prof Roger Vickerman responds to KCC's aviation strategy paper by suggesting there's likely to be a 'strong case' for a new estuary airport

THE case for expansion of capacity depends on the growth of air traffic and the fact Heathrow operates at almost full capacity almost all of the time.

Heathrow is a hub airport. That means a significant proportion of passengers are changing planes, typically between long-haul and short-haul flights.

A simple view would be that these passengers are of no value to the regional economy, but the total volume of passengers passing through determines how many planes go to how many destinations, and hence how well connected London is to the rest of the world.

The constraints at London means that although the number of passengers has continued to grow, the number of destinations served has not and has now fallen well behind those at rival hub airports such as Paris, Amsterdam or Frankfurt.

This is particularly true of destinations in the most rapidly

developing parts of the world. There is therefore a potential constraint on the wider economy of the South East which might provide a block to growth.

Does this expansion need all to be at Heathrow?

The simple answer is 'no'. Secondary airports have an important role in the point-to-point business and London Gatwick, with 34 million passengers in the last year, the world's largest with a single runway, is hardly a secondary airport. But there are strong arguments for hub expansion.

So that leaves three options: expand Heathrow; build a new airport to modern hub standards with four runways; or (as KCC has suggested) develop a network of regional airports.

Proposals for an airport in the Thames Estuary have been around since 1945, and various sites were closely examined during the Roskill Commission Inquiry into a Third London Air-

port more than 40 years ago.

The various objections to this, but perhaps the biggest hurdle has been that planning in the UK has always been incremental, taking a major step such as relocating the country's main airport has been seen as a step too far, too expensive, too long-term.

But suppose that such an airport had been developed even 40 years ago, would we not now take it for granted?

Remember, it took 186 years to complete the Channel Tunnel and that is now very clearly just part of the furniture.

So let us have a serious debate about the long-term, and that has to be a national debate and not just one of local point scoring or vote catching.

The key questions are: what is the relationship between airport capacity and local and national economic growth; does a modern airport with good public transport links have to be as

environmentally damaging as claimed (there is evidence that it is access to airports which causes more total damage than the airport or air traffic movements themselves); and above all how will air traffic grow over the next 50 years?

We need more research on all of these aspects before we can have a serious debate and not one fuelled by prejudice or narrow local concerns.

On balance and over the long term I think we are likely to find that there is a strong case for a very serious look at an airport somewhere in, or off the coast of, north Kent.

■ **Professor Vickerman** is Professor of European Economics at the University of Kent's School of Economics and Director of its Centre for European, Regional and Transport Economics. He is also Dean of the University's Brussels School of International Studies.

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KOS COMMENT

Make the jubilee a party to remember

THERE'S certainly something infectious about the Diamond Jubilee excitement.

For many it's the prospect of four days off work and the promise of a good knees-up, but for many others it's the feeling of community this occasion seems to have evoked, and also a sense of gratitude for the Queen's service.

The number of street parties has topped the 350 mark – a huge rise on last year's Royal wedding celebrations – and town hall chiefs are going all out in hosting huge public events to make sure everyone is involved.

Sometimes it takes a celebration like this to bring everyone together and feel proud to be British.

So let's raise a glass to the Queen and enjoy this prolonged holiday.

Portas fight back on

THINGS are looking up for two of Kent's 'ghost towns' after being selected as Portas Pilots.

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Tories' heavy toll on town

IT HASN'T been a great month for Dartford.

A few weeks ago Tory councillor Bryan Sweetland, Kent County Council's transport boss, confirmed the Government will probably announce plans for a second Dartford crossing within six months. At the same time the Government announced it will hike the tolls at the existing crossing, beginning this October and rising 66 per cent by 2014.

Most people in Dartford think the town has suffered enough from the traffic congestion and air pollution that has come with the first crossing. It's not fair Dartford should be chosen for more of the same. We deserve better than to be the Tories' favourite traffic dumping ground.

Virtually all Dartfordians are angered by news of the

impending toll hikes.

In contrast, Labour will fight against a second crossing and strongly opposes any toll increases at the existing one.

Let's remember the town's Conservative MP Gareth Johnson fought the 2010 general election on an anti-tolls platform – yet, far from seeing the tolls axed, they're actually rising. While back in 2010 it looked inconceivable that Dartford would have a second crossing forced upon it.

Mr Johnson's ineffectiveness with these local core issues won't go unnoticed. After all, it's not unreasonable to expect a Tory MP to have at least some influence with a Tory government; Mr Johnson seems to have none.

Cllr John Adams, Labour's former Parliamentary candidate for Dartford

Driven mad by wasted £83m

RE: THE new £83 million East

Kent Access Road opening. Well done KCC and Thanet District Council.

Another example of how to waste public money with bad planning, along with your record of bad investment.

Be careful you don't run out of money for your massive pay-offs to chief executives.

What with the badly placed roundabout on the Manston road – which should have never got through planning – we now have a new large roundabout with traffic lights creating jams on the new road.

A new modern road should have overpasses and underpasses to keep traffic moving.

Adrian Ottley, Birchington

**The right flight path to follow**

I FULLY support your campaign against the creation of an

unnecessary estuary airport. What right has Boris Johnson to destroy an area of such valuable wildlife habitats?

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**Peter Medwell,
Broadstairs**

Farage head in the clouds

WHAT A surprise, another expert on what is best for Manston (Opinion, May 27), MEP and Ukip leader Nigel Farage who happens to live where? Oh yeah, Westerham.

Unless I am mistaken they have not altered the flight path to Manston so the aircraft fly

over Westerham. If they did, would he think it was still a good idea that he and his family's health was at stake from noise and pollution?

And as for his comment about less noise for residents as the flights take-off and land next to the sea, maybe if he asked residents of Herne Bay and Thanet when a cargo plane is landing or taking off he may well think differently.

I only hope that all the people involved on the final decision, including the transport minister Theresa Villiers, consult the people whose lives are going to be affected by aviation changes, as we are all council tax payers and all have a right to say what we think on what happens in our area.

J Williams, Herne Bay

Manston flies in face of Boris

AS USUAL Nigel Farage speaks

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the common sense denied our career politicians due to their vested interests and total disinterest in democracy (Opinion, May 27).

He lists a number of cogent and sensible reasons for the expansion of Manston as an addition to Heathrow.

Anybody who has toured around Heathrow and seen the infrastructure that would eventually become obsolete as 'Boris Island' took over from Heathrow, would realise this area would become a ghost town, apart from all the other major drawbacks.

I fail to understand why a London Mayor is given so much credibility and power to influence such a major undertaking.

Maybe he's already practising to take over the supine David Cameron's job.

**Phil Granger,
West Malling**

A legacy we will all regret

I AM totally against any airport in this area at all. It is sheer madness to even think about it.

It would be much cheaper to expand the airports we already have. Surely we should be discouraging people making too many flights anyway?

If we were to have planes overhead 24 hours a day, what about all the pollution?

Has anyone thought about this seriously? (I should not think so for one moment).

If we wanted to live near an airport we would have bought a house nearer to one.

The marshes and nature reserves are very important areas around here.

They are nice places for people who live outside the area to come to visit.

There would certainly be more chance of a bird strike.

Why not use Manston? If high-speed trains ran from London-Manston, that would be ideal

It would provide Thanet with lots more jobs, which are really needed in that area.

We in Medway already have enough population and enough cars on our roads now. It is no good to say 'build more roads' that will only create more traffic.

Please do not allow this to happen – or we will all live to regret it.

**Diane Parmenter,
Rainham**



Edited by **Adam Aiken**

What a 'levy' price to pay consolidating debt

QI GOT heavily into debt after being made redundant. I inquired about making myself bankrupt, but was advised that it would be better to use a debt management company to negotiate with credit card firms and loan companies, and to organise reduced payments to them. I have tried to understand how this works and I have talked to two debt management companies, but it seems to me that all they do is levy heavy charges on me in return for keeping creditors away from my front door. I still have to pay the debts.

AAVOID bankruptcy if you can. You may think you will be discharged after a year and can start again, but the stain stays on your credit agency file for years and could stop you getting credit or a mortgage. Debt management companies have a mixed reputation. Some may dazzle you with the promise that you will pay only a small sum to each creditor each month. This might look attractive, but in reality it means you could spend the rest of your life in debt. Fees vary, but think in terms of about 1.5pc – so if you give the debt-management company £10, it keeps £1.50 and passes on £8.50 to your creditors. Before going any further, talk to National Debtline (0808 808 4000), a charity that will give you free advice.

QI INTENDED to apply for the NHS international health card that would entitle me to treatment throughout Europe, but found to my amazement that NHS Direct charges £11.99 for this, or £16.99 if you need your card quickly. I would have called to protest, but then I saw that calls cost £1.53 a minute. Since the NHS gives emergency treatment free to foreign visitors to Britain, why must we pay to get similar treatment while abroad on holiday or business?

AYOU have narrowly escaped losing some money. The website you consulted is called www.nhs-direct.org.uk, but it has absolutely nothing to do with the NHS, as it reveals if you read it carefully. It is a private business, and all it does is check that you have completed the application correctly. Then it passes it on to the NHS. The European Health Insurance Card, which is valid in most European countries and entitles you to the same treatment as local citizens, is completely free of charge. You can apply for it online at www.nhs.uk – click on 'Healthcare Abroad' – or by calling 0845 606 2030.

QI REMEMBER your report that explained how when one bank takes over another, customers who have accounts with both banks

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



need to check their savings have not gone above the compensation limit. Does the same advice apply to building societies, or do they not go in for takeover bids like the banks?

ABUILDING societies do swallow each other up. Nationwide Building Society took over Derbyshire Building Society and Cheshire Building Society, among others. And Norwich and Peterborough is now part of Yorkshire Building Society. The Financial Services Authority has allowed some leeway in past mergers, so people whose accounts are suddenly added together do not lose their cover under the official compensation scheme without being given a bit of time to move some money elsewhere. But the basic advice is that you should think twice before having more than the £85,000 compensation ceiling in any one bank or building society.

QMY PARENTS, who are retired, have offered to lend me and my husband £40,000 to help us get on to the housing ladder and buy our first home. We would then pay them back £200 a month until the loan is cleared. Would they have to pay income tax on this?

AIF YOU are simply repaying the money you borrowed, with no interest, then your parents will owe no tax. They would need to tell their tax office only if they were charging you interest and making a profit on the loan.

QWHEN someone dies, is it necessary for the people who witnessed the deceased's will to confirm this in some way? I witnessed a will some years ago, and now I have received a letter from a firm of solicitors asking me to confirm that I really was a witness.

ATHIS IS unusual. Perhaps someone has cast doubt on the deceased's signature on the will. But as long as you were present at the signing there is nothing to worry about.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Don't carry the cost of garden thieves' pot luck

Your home insurance policy probably provides some cover for your garden, but make sure you know what protection you are getting. **ADAM AIKEN** reports...

IT MIGHT be hard to believe, but we are only a month away from Midsummer's Day.

It remains to be seen if the weather will pay ball, but even if the sunshine fails to materialise, the criminal fraternity will still be gearing up for their summer garden days.

As far as they are concerned, the longer days give a perfect opportunity for them to strike – and with more garden furniture and plants on display, the risks of falling victim to thieves is greatest over the next few months.

Statistics published by Aviva, the insurer, studied 10 years' of claims data and found that thefts from gardens and outbuildings shoot up by more than 25pc when the clocks go forward.

Claims then increase as the days get longer and lighter, reaching their peak in July and August.

At this point, the number of claims is normally up about 40pc from the start of the year.

Meanwhile, the Aviva statistics suggest the average haul is worth about £850.

Sheds and garages are often targeted, with children's toys, bikes and garden tools – ranging from expensive lawnmowers to basic rakes – among the thieves' favourite items.

"Extra hours of sunlight are obviously very welcome after months of darkness, but it also means that your expensive power tools, bikes and golf clubs are more visible than ever to a passing thief – as is your home security, or lack of it," said Peter Ketteringham, household underwriting manager at Aviva.

"So try not to advertise what you've got, make sure sheds and summerhouses are properly secured, and clear up your garden every evening so there's nothing lying around that could tempt a criminal on to your property."

"And bear in mind that loose items such as ladders and wheelie bins are perfect for burglars to use to get into your home, so shut them away, out of sight if you can."

Mike Powell, an analyst at Defaqto, said: "It's easy to forget that home contents policies can include our gardens."

"Water features, decking, garden furniture, outside lighting, gas barbecues, children's playthings and plants can be expensive to replace and run into hundreds of pounds."



'CONTENTS IN THE OPEN' COVER

'Contents in the open' is a standard feature on most home insurance policies and covers items left outside in the garden or within the boundary of the home – but make sure you know what level of cover you have.

John Miles, of GoCompare.com, said: "Home insurance policies usually provide cover, but this will often relate to contents in outbuildings or locked sheds."

"There are specific and usually lower limits for items not locked away, or 'contents in the open', as they are often referred to."

"This is a difficult area for insurers

and potentially therefore problematic for customers."

"Contents in the open can include furniture, barbecues and ornaments – things that are normally in the open, but can be locked away in winter."

"Some insurers will allow you to increase the level of cover for contents in the open, but you may need to pay more for this."

According to Defaqto, about half of all standard home insurance policies cover contents in the open up to about £2,000. A third provides cover up to £1,000, but a few provide none at all.

"It is essential that you check your policy to ensure you have the correct cover in place."

According to the experts at Moneysupermarket.com, the levels of garden cover under home insurance policies vary considerably.

For example, the maximum protection for items kept outdoors is £250 with Churchill, while M&S Money offers unlimited cover.

There are also wide variations in the cover provided for items in outbuildings.

Budget Insurance covers up to £2,000, but unlimited protection is offered by Halifax and M&S Money.

Peter Harrison, an insurance expert at Moneysupermarket, said: "When you think about the items you may have in your garden, it can be quite surprising how much they add up to."

"Many people have tables and chairs as well as gas barbecues and patio heaters – all items that carry hefty price tags."

"Homeowners should beware that garden items can be easily targeted

by thieves so it's essential to have the right amount of cover on your home insurance policy to make sure you're not underinsured."

He added: "Considering the cost of some of the more expensive garden items, it's also advisable to look at the policy details to see if there is a single-item limit within the terms and conditions."

"If it does not state a limit, it may be worth contacting your insurer to notify it of any more costly items to ensure you are covered should you need to make a claim."

"Additionally, for those who keep items such as bikes or gym equipment in their sheds, outhouses or other storage areas, these will also require cover so it's important to keep these as secure as possible to ensure your insurance remains valid."

Meanwhile, Mr Powell, at Defaqto, said: "Many policies also offer cover for 'plants in the garden', which can typically provide cover for loss or damage caused by perils such as fire, flood, theft and malicious damage to plants, trees shrubs and lawns."



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Booze cruise is back in fashion as shoppers stock up on weak euro

By **Nick Ames**nick.ames@archant.co.uk

THE WEAKER euro has meant a comeback for that 90s cross-Channel phenomenon – the booze cruise.

Just months ago, the exchange rate between sterling and the euro was almost at parity. But now shoppers can get up to €1.2 for £1 – making bulk-buying of wine and beer attractive once again.

Superstores selling cheap alcohol boomed in Calais 15 years ago as day-trippers swarmed across the Channel, but many have since closed.

Now business is back on the up, according to the French retailers. One said: "We do five litres of wine for €5. English people can't believe it and word of mouth has brought a lot of new custom."

"I've talked to a few English shoppers who say that UK supermarkets used to do deals that were not quite so good, but when the expense of getting to France was taken into consideration it wasn't worth coming over as the pound and the euro were so similar.

"Now that's not so. The crisis in the euro is not all bad news!"



WHET THE APPETITE: Cross-Channel day-trippers are stocking up on cheap drink

P&O Ferries says the sterling-euro exchange rate has improved by more than 8 per cent over the past 12 months, and with continuing economic turmoil in the eurozone this trend looks set to continue, offering improving returns for Brits hunting cheap food and drink.

A spokesman said: "When the euro was close to equal in value to the pound what we saw was a decrease in day-trips for shopping, while short breaks actually became more popular.

"Now the shoppers are coming back. They have also started filling up with

diesel in France now as well. The savings on a tank can pay for a case of wine on the ferry back."

UK-based retailers including Sainsbury's and Tesco closed their Calais warehouse stores in 2010.

However, the two remaining large operators, Majestic and Calais Wine Superstore, have both benefited from the closure of rivals.

Calais Wine Superstore is advertising savings of between £2 and £3 on bottles and offering three for £6.

In other retail outlets, a bottle of claret costing about £5 in the UK is going for around £2.

A combination of the continuing economic slump and the summer of events – The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, European football championships and the 2012 Olympic Games – has also boosted trade as booze-cruising is most cost-effective when buying in bulk for gatherings or parties.

Off Licence News editor Rosie Davenport said: "As the euro begins to nosedive against the pound and cash-strapped consumers look for ways to save money, jumping on the ferry or Eurostar is starting to look more attractive again."

TRAINING

Heating group opens centre of excellence

ONE OF Europe's leading heating-technology manufacturers is establishing a centre of excellence at Kings Hill, West Malling.

Vaillant Group has taken 11,500 sq ft in Alexander Grove, where its new centre will provide training facilities for engineers and showcase the company's product range to customers and employees.

The Kings Hill Centre of Excellence will offer engineers dedicated Vaillant and Glow Worm practical product-training covering the company's full system solutions. The centre will also provide a product showcase venue for all brands, regularly hosting customer events and meetings.

A family-owned company, Vaillant Group has been operating for more than 135 years and is the largest manufacturer of heating technology in Europe. It pioneered the 'combi' boiler and today leads the way in developing systems that use sustainable and renewable-energy sources.

The company is establishing a series of UK centres as part of its expansion and continued investment plan.

"We are at the forefront of renewable-technology development and it is important we are based on a development that reflects our sustainable ethos, which Kings Hill does," said Jim Moore, northern Europe regional director and UK and Ireland managing director for Vaillant Group.

CHARITY

Car dealership provides the ideal support act for stars' charity cycle

MOTORLINE Skoda of Dartford welcomed Lawrence Dallaglio and Andrew Flintoff to the forecourt as they stopped by on the final leg of their Cycle Slam challenge to thank staff for their support.

The stars of international rugby union and cricket have spent the past four weeks cycling across Europe, from the birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games in Greece to London.

They undertook the 2,872-km charity bicycle ride to raise money for Cancer Research UK and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

As part of an ongoing partnership with the charity

event, Skoda UK provided the support vehicles for the Dallaglio Flintoff Cycle Slam 2012.

Mike Harris, retailer principal, said: "It's so exciting to have two legends of British sport visit us here in Dartford. The Skoda Superb Estate is safe and reliable, with excellent load capacity, so it's the perfect vehicle to support this event – we're delighted it has

helped Lawrence and Freddie on their way."

Dallaglio said: "As a supporter, Skoda has played a vital role in enabling us to complete the challenge and reach our fund-raising target."



SUPPORTING: Stars with Mike Harris

FSB

Chairman promises to leave mark on new role

ENGRAVER Graham Taylor has been elected chairman of the west Kent branch of the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) at its AGM in Lyons House, Tonbridge.

Taylor will be assisted by branch secretary Simon Robinson and vice-chairman Roger House, who also serves as chairman of the FSB Kent and Medway region.

The west Kent branch represents 1,240 members in Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells and one of the five branches that make up the FSB Kent and Medway region.

The FSB is a membership organisation run by business-people protecting and promoting the interests of real-life entrepreneurs, the self-employed and people who own or run their own small businesses.

The branch is represented on the West Kent Partnership and has signed a Small Business Engagement Accord with the local councils to improve communications and understanding of the needs of small businesses in the boroughs.

Taylor said: "We are considering a number of events to help businesses improve their sustainability and to have some fun at the same time. The business regulatory regime is a greater burden in the challenging economic climate and we will do everything we can to support members and encourage decision-makers at all levels to support local businesses."

Business Week

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APPOINTMENT

Jambuster joins freight group

THE Freight Transport Association has appointed former Archant KOS Media staff-member Julie Maddocks, pictured, as its new head of media relations.

The association says that having worked in many different roles on television, radio and in newspapers, and for a variety of media organisations, Maddocks already has extensive experience and knowledge of working with the Press from both sides of the microphone and camera.

She is also no stranger to the problems on UK roads, having started her broadcasting career as Julie Jambuster flying over the roads of Kent, and over the years has continued to work in similar roles for other TV and radio stations.

Maddocks said: "I am absolutely delighted to be joining FTA in the role of head of media relations.

"It is an incredible opportunity for me to help spread the word in not only representing its members but ensuring all FTA's campaign messages, including the brilliant Love Logistics, are maximised in all aspects of the media.

"I am aiming not only at the traditional Press but also social media, which offers us so many opportunities to get our message across and to continue to help grow the reputation of this fantastic organisation."



THE FUTURE: Minister for Energy and Climate Change Gregory Barker meets apprentices during his visit to Suscon

MP learns about college focus on greener future

By Nick Ames

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THE future of the construction industry was on display at the Suscon training centre in Dartford with a Government minister in attendance.

Gregory Barker, Minister for Energy and Climate Change, saw how the business was gearing up to face the challenge of low carbon emissions and other green initiatives.

The centre, run by North West Kent College, operates in partnership with business and local authorities offering training and skills opportunities within construction.

Jacqui McDonnell, of the college, said: "Beginners through to experienced architects and planners can come here to learn about innovative practices and new developments.

"Suscon offers them the opportunity to be part of the future of the construction industry. Trends are really changing as part of the commitment shown to a greener future."

Barker took the opportunity to talk about the Government's Green Deal, which will be launched in October. It is a drive to make businesses and properties as energy-efficient as possible to bring the UK in line with world energy emission targets.

Low-carbon-emission building techniques formed a key part of the minister's speech and he said he was impressed with what he had seen during his visit.

Stalls showing solar paneling and rainwater collection, along with apprentices demonstrating insulating techniques, were part of his tour.

Barker said: "I was really im-

pressed with the commitment, foresight and enthusiasm of the young people I met.

"They are people who have made a very material commitment to a career in low-carbon construction – building the greener future which politicians like me talk about."

He emphasised that the Government's continued pursuit of energy-efficiency goals would demonstrate connected industries were ones that would repay investment and skills from the private sector.

"We intend to provide a stable platform for business to invest in," said Barker. "We shall provide TLC – transparency, longevity and certainty. That is the key to unlocking business investment."

So far, 22 companies have signed up to be partners in the Green Deal.

Entrepreneurs need more encouragement

THE New Enterprise Allowance (NEA) should be extended to encourage more hopeful entrepreneurs to use the scheme, says the All Party Parliamentary Small Business Group (APPSBG).

Current rules allow jobless entrepreneurs to apply for funding of £1,274 plus access to a guaranteed loan of up to £1,000 – but only after they have been claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for six months.

Now the APPSBG is calling for the NEA to be made available from day one of signing on to JSA and for funds to be available for a full year to provide £3,692 plus the guarantee of a loan of up to £2,000. The APPSBG believes this would encourage more aspiring businessmen to set up, in turn helping to boost the economy and stem high unemployment.

The APPSBG is concerned that current funding is too low to enable people to get viable business ideas off the ground – a view supported by figures from the FSB, which show that it costs 14 per cent of small businesses between £2,500 and £5,000 to set up.

Also in a new report, Breaking Down The

Barriers To Entrepreneurship, the APPSBG is calling on the Government to:

- Support enterprise education in schools by incorporating it into the statutory curriculum.
- Create a one-stop-shop for advice and support.
- Adopt and put in place the Breedon recommendations to bolster alternative sources of finance.
- Provide a support network for older entrepreneurs to ensure Jobcentre Plus builds relationships with women's networks to promote mentoring for women.

The report comes following an Entrepreneurship Inquiry launched by MP Iain Duncan Smith, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, to see how the barriers to self-employment can be removed and entrepreneurs supported in setting up their business.

Roger House, FSB chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "Breaking the barriers to entrepreneurship is crucial if we are to turn the economy around. Unemployment is worryingly high. That is why it is important to make it more attractive to go it alone and

encourage those who have a great business idea to make it a reality. The current NEA does not achieve this. But if the Government extends the scheme to make funds available and at higher rate, more budding entrepreneurs will be encouraged to become self-employed."

Help for disabled people to get into work is also vital, say charities, as is assistance for those leaving the Armed Forces.

Shaun Williams of Leonard Cheshire Disability, said: "It is vital more disabled people are given the funding support they need to increase self-employment opportunities."

"Extending the NEA will enhance their chances of success. Our research shows a quarter of disabled people in work are self-employed as this is often the only viable option."

Richard Morris, founder and CEO of Heropreneurs, the only independent military charity to support Armed Forces-leavers and veterans into business, said: "Entrepreneurs urgently need more financial support to enable them to start up. The barriers which block the emergence of new and small banks must be rapidly taken down."

MARKET

Would-be traders can test selling potential

MEDWAY Council is giving aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to try their hand at running a market stall for £10.

Business talent will be able to bag bargain pitches at Strood and Gillingham markets as part of the Love Your Local Market campaign.

The campaign, which runs from Saturday, June 23, until Sunday, July 8, encourages residents to support the market and gives people the opportunity to put their business ideas to the test.

It comes after high-street guru Mary Portas published a report for the Government on revitalising Britain's high streets in which she highlighted the importance of markets.

Medway has two bustling markets, at Strood and Gillingham, both held twice a week, as well as a farmers' market in Rochester on the third Sunday of every month.

Some 20 pitches – 10 at each of Gillingham and Strood markets – will be up for grabs for the cut-down price of £10 on Saturday, July 7. To be in with a chance of bagging one, applicants need to get in touch with Medway Council by Monday, June 11.

Pitches won't be available to stalls selling food, but for anyone with home-grown produce to sell, £10 stalls will also be available at Rochester farmers' market on Sunday, July 15.

Jane Chitty, Medway Council's portfolio holder for strategic development and economic growth, said: "This campaign is about showcasing our markets and encouraging more traders to help keep the tradition alive."

"With small overheads and relatively low start-up costs, market trading is an ideal opportunity to see what will sell well and is also good for creative types who make their own goods. This is a great chance for Medway's budding entrepreneurs."

To apply, phone Annette Lebreton at Medway Council on 01634 338155 or email Annette.lebreton@medway.gov.uk with your name and contacts details, a brief description of what you want to sell and the name of the market at which you would like to sell.

Strood market is held every Tuesday and Saturday, from 9am to 3pm, at Commercial Road car park. Gillingham market is held every Monday and Saturday, 9am to 4.30pm, on Gillingham high street.

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Training, courses and careers

Gurkhas swap their khaki for the classroom

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Men's grooming course is a cut above the rest

NORTH West Kent College now offers a full-time barbering course at its newly redeveloped Gravesend campus.

The college already offers hair and beauty courses, but because of a surge in enquiries for men's grooming courses, the NVQ Level 2 barbering course will start in September.

The course will cover consultations, shampooing and cutting, health and safety, plus other theoretical elements. Students can expect to use the college's commercial hairdressing salon, Inspirations, to practice and refine their skills with paying customers.

Hairdressing curriculum manager Kim Catchpole said: "There has been a high level of demand for a full-time barbering course in this area, so we are delighted to now offer this.

"We've noticed an increasing trend for male grooming services within the industry, so it's likely we'll expand this section of the programme going forward.

"The tutor for the course specialises and is qualified in both barbering and hairdressing, so students will benefit from a wealth of experience not just for barbering, but also for hair skills in general."

The minimum entry requirement for the course is English GCSE A-C and two other GCSEs grade D and above.

However, students could successfully complete a Level 1 general hairdressing course and qualify for entry that way.

Inspirations salon is not only a place for teaching and learning, but it's also open to the public for hair and beauty treatments.

Construction trainees show off their skills for national competition

TEN construction trainees have won at the South East regional heat of SkillBuild, staged at the Maidstone campus of midKent College.

The competition saw more than 70 budding trainees build, plaster and paint their way to success to be crowned the best in their chosen field.

The South East regional heat is one of 14 regional heats taking place around the UK. The highest scoring competitors could go onto compete at the three day SkillBuild UK final, which will be hosted by Preston College in September.

The competition is managed by CITB-ConstructionSkills, the Sector Skills Council and Industry Training Board, as part of its ongoing work to bring new blood into the construction industry.

The Kent trainees in medal positions were:

K College: Joe Cook, 21, won first place in painting and decorating; Matt Hope, 20, won first place in the senior carpentry category; Darrell Fig, 35, came third in the senior carpentry category; and Luke Watkins, 23, won second place in the senior plastering category.

Midkent College: Paul Carey, 18, won second place in bricklaying; and George Hendry, 18, came third in joinery.

Thanet College: Daniel Searle, 39, won first place in the senior plastering category; and Dean Smith, 25, came third in the senior plastering category.

North West Kent College: Aron Baker, 22, won first place in the senior painting and decorating category.

Canterbury College: Jorden Coleman, 21, won second place in the senior joinery category.

Joe Cook, who is employed by BE Ames and attends K College said: "I'm really proud to have won at SkillBuild as it shows that I am one of the best trainee tradespeople in the South East, which is a huge achievement."

"The competition was really

tough but it was a great chance for me to show some of the skills that I use every day and to have these recognised.

"I would definitely recommend taking part in SkillBuild as it's great fun and you get to show off your skills to your peers, employers and the industry, which is good for your career."

SkillBuild is supported by local employers, many of whom sponsor the competition, but also those who employ the competitors.

It provides an opportunity for employers to showcase their most talented trainees, helping to give them a competitive edge, in addition to demonstrating their commitment to training and excellence.

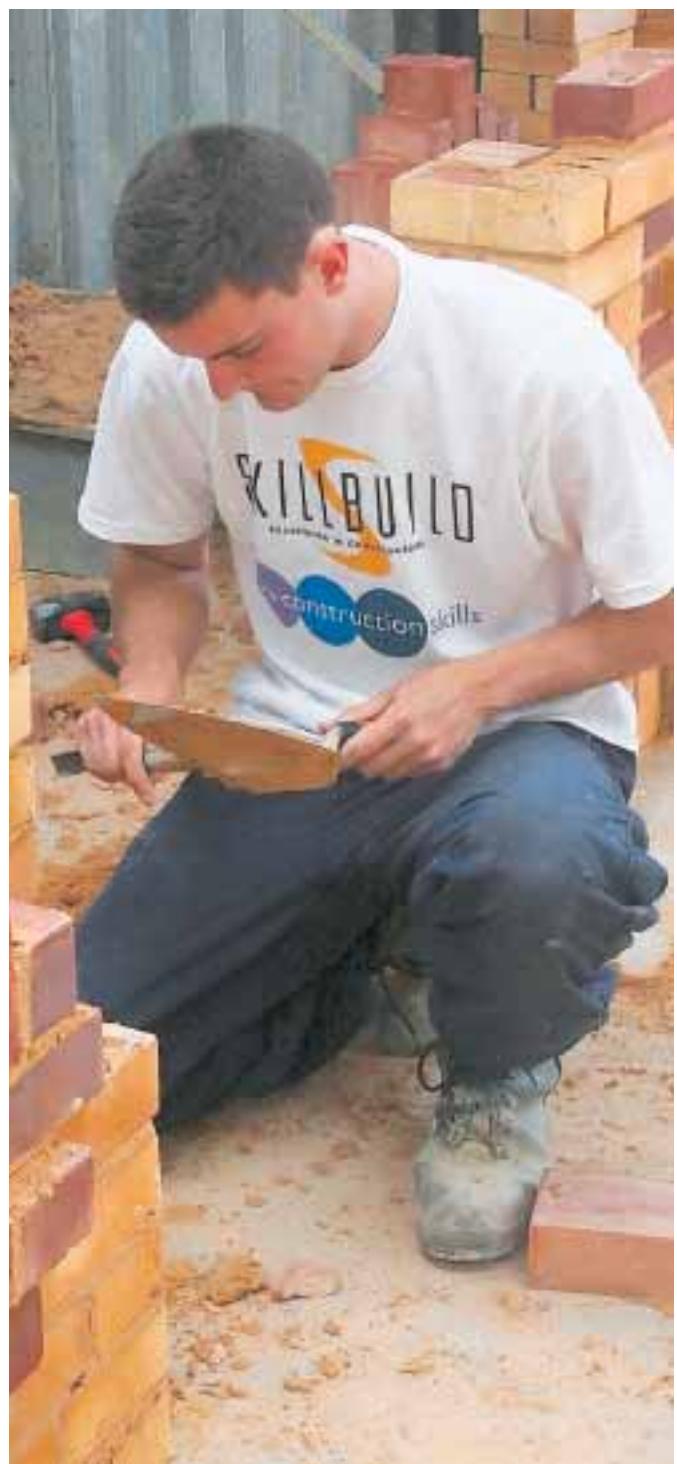
Gillian Cain, regional delivery manager for CITB-ConstructionSkills South East, said: "SkillBuild is one of the many ways we add value to the industry by working on its behalf to encourage new talent to join the sector. The level of quality, skill, determination and professionalism shown by the competitors has

been outstanding so we are pleased with how successful the South East heat has been."

Simon Foot, head of faculty for construction and building services at MidKent College's Maidstone campus said: "The reason why I and everybody else came into construction training is because we firmly believe in the quality of work that can be achieved by young people and that was on display."

"All those who took part are very well placed for the future. One of the best things about hosting the SkillBuild competition is that the competitors' work stays here, which means we can show it to our students as an example of what they should be aiming to achieve."

At SkillBuild trainees compete in a variety of trades including bricklaying, cabinet making, carpentry, dry walling systems, and joinery.



BUILDING: MidKent College student Daniel Palin competes in the bricklaying category

Schools & education

Students play a risky game to get new ideas for their future careers

STUDENTS at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School got involved in risky business with a learning session about careers in insurance.

The Chartered Insurance Institute, the sector's professional body, delivered its Discover Risk activity to provide more information on the range of global opportunities in the sector.

The interactive session demonstrated how vital it is for businesses and people to manage different levels of risk, and

how a career in insurance helps meet this responsibility.

Practitioners from wealth management group St James's Place; insurance company Chartis; and audit, tax, consulting and corporate finance service provider Deloitte, offered support and advice.

Students participated in a scenario-based activity where different levels of risk are explored. The types of problems facing the would-be risk managers included a singer losing

her voice, cameras being damaged on a movie set, and piracy affecting a company's profits.

Careers co-ordinator Naomi Valley said: "At Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School we encourage our students to develop the skills that will help them be successful in whatever they choose to do. The Discover Risk game offered a valuable platform to put learning into practice and showcased a career that perhaps many of the students had not previously considered."

Community day a great success for hard-working college crews

THANET College has staged a community day, with students taking on worthwhile projects in the area and helping local groups.

Among the projects were carpentry students who re-vamped the entrance to the Tom Thumb Theatre in Cliftonville, and maintenance operations students tidied up the Oval Bandstand in Cliftonville.

Independence and work students held alleyway clean-ups across Broadstairs and Ramsgate, while fresh start learners did a sponsored charity walk for Pilgrims Hospice.

Life, employability and progression students provided shopper support in supermarkets across Thanet, packing bags and helping shoppers with their trolleys.

In Ramsgate painting and decorating students re-vamped Jonti's drop in centre, and carpentry students built raised flower beds at St Clements Court sheltered housing, while ICT students were at Yveson Court sheltered housing in Ramsgate to help develop a local interest website.

In Broadstairs engineering students gave electrical safety advice to the public, and science and sport students held an activity day



HELPING HANDS: Thanet College carpentry students did work at the Tom Thumb Theatre

at St Peter's Primary School, while hair and beauty students gave free treatments and massages to residents of Whychedene residential home. Other hair and beauty students were at the Beacon care home in Ramsgate and a community group meeting in Chislet.

Enrichment team leader Natasha Hart said: "It was great to see so many excellent activities taking place both on and off site, for the benefit of our local community."

Business Fashion Fix charity show set to become annual fundraiser

A FASHION show raising money for three charities has been held at Canterbury College.

There were thousands of clothes, shoes and accessories for sale at the second annual Business Fashion Fix, and everything on sale had been donated to business students, who put on the event.

The students took to the catwalk modelling the best outfits from the collection, which raised more than £300 for the British Red Cross, Pilgrims

Hospices, and the Children's Trust Tadworth.

The show was followed by

the opportunity to buy the out-

fits and many other donated

items in a giant indoor one-

stop charity shop. There were

also raffle and tombola stalls.

All the unsold clothing will

be given to local charity shops

for resale.

The Fashion Fix featured contributions from several other college departments. hair and beauty students designed

the models' hair and make-up, and dance students warmed up the catwalk crowd with a routine to music mixes provided by the music department.

The entire event was filmed by media students, and floristry provided flowers.

Julia Joslin, section manager for business and ICT, said: "I'm really proud of the students for staging the show. They worked incredibly hard and it looks as though the Business Fashion Fix will become an annual fixture."

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UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

Course aims to show people how easy it is to go green

A UNIVERSITY is helping to reduce confusion about greener energy.

The Case For Renewables is a two-day course held at the University of Greenwich, designed to give unbiased and expert advice and cut confusion about climate change, energy efficiency and renewable technologies.

The course explores the science and delivers practical measures anyone can take to lower their environmental impact and save money.

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The course will provide an overview of renewable technologies and their suitability for a range of domestic conditions. It also covers the financial incentives available for installing energy-efficiency measures and renewable technologies.

The course is divided into three:
■ Three threats to our current lifestyle:

Climate change, fossil-fuel depletion and global population.

- Energy efficiency: Energy use within the UK and practical measures for reductions in energy consumption.
- Renewable-energy technologies: An overview of the different options and the financial incentives available for everyone.

The course is to run on June 12-13 at the Medway campus of the University of Greenwich, Chatham Maritime ME4 4TB.

The course fee is £250. A further course is scheduled for July 24-25 at the same venue. Reservations can be made by email, renishaw-enquiries@gre.ac.uk.

COMMUNITY COVENANT

Gurkhas go back to college to further their military careers



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The college already helps the families of the Brigade of Gurkhas convert their Nepalese qualifications into English equivalents.

College tutors put together a special package for the troops, bringing together a wealth of resources and expertise.

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GFORCES

Interns give the thumbs-up to training scheme

BEARSTED-BASED GForces, the automotive web-management company, has received positive feedback from work-placement students who have taken part in the company's internship scheme.

GForces takes on undergraduates and students from Kent schools, universities and colleges, enrolling them in its Training Academy to gain experience in a range of disciplines, including web-marketing, graphic design, web development, project and account management and content and project support.

The recently-opened extension to its Caring Lane headquarters has enabled GForces to step up the work of its Training Academy. The company employs 151 people, an increase of 10 per cent over the past 12 months.

So far, 23 young people from across Kent have been given internships at GForces over the past 12 months. Many of the internships have been organised in cooperation with the Kent Educational Business Partnership, which seeks to bring education and business together to create the next generation of skilled employees.

Camille Thompson enrolled as a GForces intern after leaving university in December 2011 with qualifications but little in the way of work experience. She said: "With the job market as tough as ever, work experience has become essential to get noticed by potential employers.

"I signed up for a one-month internship with the GForces marketing team, aiming to make the most of my time and acquire some new skills. With any work placement, there's always the thought that you'll be sat in a corner, making the occasional coffee and not learning much, but at GForces that couldn't have been further from the truth. I was encouraged to hit the ground running, taking an active role and helping with various elements of digital marketing.

"I was also placed with other teams within the business for short periods, enabling me to gain a better understanding of the organisation as a whole. The internship taught me a huge amount and, best of all, after the month was up I was offered a full-time position."

Adam Pugsley has worked for GForces since enrolling on an internship in 2010, becoming a key member of the social-media development team.

"From day one I was encouraged to demonstrate my capabilities and learn new skills," he said. "GForces ensures that interns aren't limited in what they can contribute, and if you prove yourself they will reward you."

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12/01495/HOUSE Poulhurst Lodge Furnace Lane, Brenchley

- Detached double garage (LB)

12/01510/HOUSE 8A Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater

- Conversion of garage into habitable space and extending over first floor. Single storey rear extension (CA)

12/01460/HOUSE Top Lodge Pembury Road, Capel

- Two storey side extension (LB)

12/01465/LBC Top Lodge Pembury Road, Capel

- Listed Building Consent: Two storey side extension (LB)

12/01458/FUL 4 Molyneux Park Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden

- Single-storey timber-clad garden room (CA)

12/01485/FUL 121-123 Mount Pleasant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden

- Change of use from A1 Shop to A1/A3 Shop/cafe (CA)

12/01431/LBC Lowlands Farm Sand Lane, Frittenden

- Listed Building Consent: Partial demolition and reconstruction of rear wall to detached garage (LB)

12/01388/HOUSE Finchurst Cottage Summerhill, Goudhurst

- Extension of time planning permission reference TW/09/01635: Two-storey side extension (LB)

12/01511/HOUSE Church Farm Church Road, Goudhurst

- Single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension and chimney to side elevation (CA)

12/01468/LBC School House Farm School House Lane, Horsmonden

- Listed Building Consent: Alteration to previously approved listed building consent to include partially rebuilding the catslide roof, altering the number of dormer windows from 3 to 2, retention of existing porch and staircase, and less internal works (TW/11/01094/LBC refers) (LB)

12/01444/HOUSE Warrington Farmhouse Church Road, Paddock Wood

- Two bay oak framed detached garage (LB)

12/01467/HOUSE 3 Mascalls Park Paddock Wood, Paddock Wood

- First floor front extension, two-storey side extension and single-storey side extension (LB)

12/01470/FUL 89 Frant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks

- Change of use and conversion of redundant hotel to single family residence. Garage extension with staff accommodation over. External alterations. Swimming pool in rear garden.

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11/03878/HOUSE 21 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Replacement gates (CA) (LB)

11/03879/LBC 21 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Listed Building Consent: Replacement gates (LB)

12/01474/FUL Scheeheera 71 Calverley Road, Park

- Alteration to shop front and replacement of rear modern french doors with bifolding doors (CA/LB)

12/01482/LBC Scheeheera 71 Calverley Road, Park

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12/01489/FUL Evans Ltd 45 - 47 Calverley Road, Park

- Replacement of existing tiles on shopfront stall riser and pilaster. Repainting of fascia (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA)

Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

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- The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or its setting.
- The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
- This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 18 JUNE 2012.

SW/12/0439:

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SW/12/0504:

New two storey detached dwelling and associated detached garage - Redwood, Bexon Lane, BREDGAR; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0559:

Two storey addition above existing ground floor addition to provide enlarged accommodation to two existing flats - 15 High Street, Blue Town, SHEERNESS; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0636:

Change of use and construction of live & work unit comprising West Fish Shop, Oyster Purification Facility and living accommodation over - Fishermans Yard, r/o 4-18 The Street, OARE; **REASONS 4 & 6**

SW/12/0637 & SW/12/0638:

Demolition of existing building and erection of 3 three bedroom dwellings and 1 four bedroom dwelling (4 in total) in a news format with new access parking and amenity space - 62 High Street, NEWINGTON; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0654 & SW/12/0655:

Removal of existing windows and doors and replace with new box sash windows, removal of front door & frame and two pairs of French doors (to rear elevation) and replace with new timber doors and frames - 37 Ospringe Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0657 & SW/12/0658:

Redevelopment of barn to form a single dwelling with attached garage and store - Gibbens Barn, Gibbens Farm, BREDGAR; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0674:

Single storey rear extension with new porch and drop curb for driveway - 9 Priory Row, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0680 & SW/12/0688:

Replacement conservatory - Apple Tree Cottage, School Lane, STALISFIELD; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0702:

Four bedroom detached house with associated parking - Land adj to 157 Peregrine Drive, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 4**

SW/12/0709:

Erection of oak framed smoking shelter - Plough Inn, Lewson Street, NORTON; **REASONS 1 & 2**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours, any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning



**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

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Y12/0434/SH* - Garage House Ashford Road Newgreen Hythe Kent - Erection of two storey side and rear extension, including external staircase to existing building, internal and external alterations to existing building, and change of use of site from car sales, servicing, repairs and residential to offices and workshop for construction company with associated forecourt car parking.

Y12/0486/SH - Doghouse Farm Stone Street Petham Canterbury Kent - Listed building consent for the erection of a single storey rear extension.

Y12/0485/SH - Doghouse Farm Stone Street Petham Canterbury Kent - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Y10/0698/SH* - Romney Marsh Potato Co Ltd Cockreed Lane New Romney Kent TN28 8TN - Outline application for 48 houses and 8 home worker houses (live work) including rotation of an existing dwelling (Greenacres) and off site highway works to Rolfe Lane

Y12/0395/SH - Hill View Cottage Exted Hill Elham Canterbury Kent - Section 73 application to vary conditions 2, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14 of planning permission Y10/0778/SH in relation to the approved equestrian use.

Y12/0409/SH* - Unit 18 Mountfield Road Mountfield Industrial Estate New Romney Kent - Change of use and conversion of the existing building from a builders merchant (Class B8) to an indoor football facility (Class D2).

Y12/0471/SH - Flat 3 29 Grimston Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2PX - Installation of replacement uPVC windows.3

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- # - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney
- + - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

PLANNING

Planning applications



CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/00686/FUL: Pear Tree Cottage, Seaton Road, Ickham, CT3 1RU Side/rear extension to bungalow. Applicant: Mr Butler Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00765/FUL: Land rear of Pilgrims Meade, Summer Hill, Harbledown, CT2 8NJ Application for a new planning permission to replace planning permission CA/06/0111/HAR for the erection of detached dwelling with associated parking in order to extend the time limit for implementation. Applicant: William King Homes Ltd Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00809/TPO: Flat 4, Luxmoore House, 75 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3DZ Works in respect of repollarding Lime trees and a crown reduction to the Walnut tree subject of TPO No 12 of 1975. Applicant: Mr Wayne Durnford Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00809/FUL: The Lodge, Golden Hills Farm, Bushy Hill Road, Westbere, CT2 0HE Single-storey extensions to side and front. Applicant: Mrs Eastwood Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00817/FUL: 73 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5LB Retention of two windows in riverside elevation. Applicant: Mr Malkin Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00818/LB: 73 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5LB Retention of two windows in riverside elevation. Applicant: Mr Malkin Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/00825/ADV: 34-36 Sea Street, Herne Bay, CT6 8SP Installation of two internally illuminated fascia signs and one internally illuminated projecting sign. Applicant: Tesco Stores Limited Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00844/FUL: Canterbury Magistrates Court, Broad Street, Canterbury, CT1 2UE Replacement barriers to flat roof.

Applicant: Ministry of Justice Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00847/FUL: Bellflower Mews, New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3BL Erection of cycle store. (Revised scheme). Applicant: Dover Heights Limited Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00857/ADV: 19 St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2TH Installation of non-illuminated hanging sign. Applicant: County Clothes Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA/12/00889/TPO: Luxmore Lodge, 75 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3DZ Felling of two Sycamores (Acer Pseudoplatanus) trees in rear garden. Applicant: Miss P Walsh Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00890/VAR: Canterbury College, New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3AJ Variation of condition 09 of planning permission CA/04/00910/CAN to allow erection of temporary buildings and temporary contractor's compound on part of car park.

Applicant: Canterbury College Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00918/FUL: Newington House, 16-17 Lower Bridge Street, Canterbury, CT1 2LG Erection of boundary railings and gates. Applicant: GAU The American University Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 25 June 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 1 June 2012

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Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Mineral Sites Plan and Waste Sites Plan Consultation 28th May - 23rd July 2012

Kent County Council is preparing a suite of new documents for the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

This Mineral Sites Plan and the Waste Sites Plan consultation at preferred options' stage is the second time we have asked for your views as part of the process of preparing these plans. The responses from the 2011 consultations have helped the site assessment and selection process. Both documents identify the best and most sustainable sites now needed by Kent for minerals and waste management up to the end of 2030.

There are 25 preferred option sites for mineral supply, and 21 preferred option sites for waste management.

We would like to know your views on these preferred options. The responses we receive from this round of consultations will help us prepare the final plans.

A series of drop-in sessions is being arranged at several community venues around the county during June. Each session will give you an opportunity to discuss the consultation with planning officers from Kent County Council.

Details of where and when sessions will be held are below.

Date	Time	Place	Address
06/06/2012	3.30pm-7pm	Badgers Mount Memorial Hall	Highland Road, TN14 7AH
12/06/2012	9am-1pm	Sandwich Guildhall	Cattle Market, CT13 9AH
12/06/2012	3pm-6pm	Teynham Village Hall	Belle Friday Close, ME9 9TU
14/06/2012	9am-1pm	Lydd Guildhall	High Street, TN29 9AF
15/06/2012	9am-1pm	Thistle Hill Community Centre	Laurel Road, Minster on Sea, ME12 3TC
18/06/2012	9am-1pm	Oare Village Hall	35 Church Road, Faversham, ME13 0QA
18/06/2012	3pm-7pm	Ditton Community Centre (Acorn)	Kilnbarn Road, Aylesford, ME20 6AH
19/06/2012	2pm-6pm	Fleetdown Community Centre	Swaledale Road, Dartford, DA2 6JZ
20/06/2012	9am-1pm	Charing Parish Hall	Station Road, TN27 0JA
21/06/2012	2pm-7pm	Lenham Community Centre	Groom Way, ME17 2QT
26/06/2012	4.30pm-7pm	Postling Village Hall	Postling, near Hythe, CE21 4EU
27/06/2012	9am-1pm	Platt Memorial Hall	Maidstone Road, TN15 8JJ
28/06/2012	9am-1pm	East Peckham Community Hall	The Playing Field, Pippin Road, TN12 5BT

To view the documents and to submit your views on the consultation, we recommend that you use the consultation portal kent.gov.uk/consultations

If you prefer, you can email your comments to mwlp@kent.gov.uk or write to the MWLP Project Team, Planning and Environment, Kent County Council, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. You can inspect copies of the main consultation documents at Kent County Council offices, as well as in Gateways and libraries around Kent. Lillian Harrison Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Manager

**THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications**

MA/12/0328/N - 56, UNION STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1ED - Change of use of ground floor from Class A1 (retail) use to Class A5 (takeaway) use with installation of rear ducting. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0397/S - BARN ON LAND AT OAST HOUSE COTTAGE, BARN HILL, HUNTON, KENT - Amendments to planning permission MA/98/0032 (conversion of barn to a single dwelling) being installation of two conservation roof lights to eastern elevation and alterations to internal layout. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0398/S - BARN ON LAND AT OAST HOUSE COTTAGE, BARN HILL, HUNTON, KENT - Amendments to Listed Building Consent MA/97/1737 (Listed Building Consent for conversion of barn to a single dwelling) being installation of two conservation roof lights to eastern elevation and alterations to internal layout. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0635/N - THE WINDMILL AND MOUNT PLEASANT, BULL HILL, LENHAM HEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2JA - Reconstruction of windmill tower, erection of single-storey extension and lower-ground extension, erection of a detached garage block, construction of repositioned driveway, and earthworks to create recessed garden and raise the land level to the rear of Mount Pleasant. **Reason: 7**

MA/12/0650/S - TWO OAST PADDOCK, WEST SIDE, SALTS LANE, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0BD - Construction of riding arena for private use. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0651/N - LEEDS CASTLE, ASH福德 ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1PL - Reconfiguration of west path to sundial area within main courtyard. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0667/S - HEATHSIDE HOUSE, HEATH ROAD, COXHEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4AH - Refurbishment of car park and installation of 4(0) 3m high lighting columns. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0708/S - ORCHARD DENE COTTAGE, HUNTON ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9SL - Erection of two storey rear extension, side porch and single storey side extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0717/S - FOSSE BANK, VICARAGE ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6DS - Erection of replacement dwelling with detached garage, widened access and associated works. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0726/S - LITTLE ULCOMBE, STICKFAST LANE, ULCOMBE, SUTTON VALENCE, KENT, ME17 3DZ - Erection of a two storey side extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0727/S - LITTLE ULCOMBE, STICKFAST LANE, ULCOMBE, SUTTON VALENCE, KENT, ME17 3DZ - An application for listed building consent for the erection of a two storey side extension and internal alterations. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0730/S - MORRY FARM, MORRY LANE, EAST SUTTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3DR - Erection of steel framed agricultural building with solar photovoltaic panels to south roof slope. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0742/S - LODDINGTON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AD - Change of use and conversion of first floor from Class D1 to Class C3 to form one self contained flat. **Reason: 2**

Reasons for advertisement key:

1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.

2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.

3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.

7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **17th June 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 3rd June 2012



PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LAND AS A VILLAGE GREEN

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Mr. T. Simmons under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks the inclusion in the Register of Town and Village Greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green by virtue of the use of the land for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes 'as of right' and without challenge by the landowner for a period of over 20 years.

If the Registration Authority is satisfied that the land described below qualifies for registration as a Town or Village Green, it will so register the land.

The application, which includes a plan of the land proposed for registration, may be inspected at the offices of Kent County Council at the address below. Please contact the Commons Registration Team on 01622 221628 to make an appointment prior to visiting to ensure that a member of the team is available to assist you.

Any person wishing to make representations regarding the application should send a written statement of the facts upon which the representation is based to Miss. Melanie McNeir at Kent County Council, either by post at the address below or by email to commons.villagegreens@kent.gov.uk, **so as to arrive no later than Monday 16th July 2012. Please quote reference VGA640.** Representations must include the name and postal address of the person making them and the nature of their interest (if any) in the land affected by the application. They must also be signed by the person making them and state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

Description of the land claimed to have qualified for registration as a Village Green

An area of land of approximately 3.7 acres (1.5 hectares) in size, situated at the junction of Stanley Road and Albion Road in the parish of Marden. The application site excludes the pavilion and its immediate surrounds, the tennis courts and other outbuildings on the application site.

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE DISTRICT OF THANET

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LAND AS A VILLAGE GREEN

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Mr. G. Rickett under

section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks the inclusion in the Register of Town and Village Greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green by virtue of the use of the land for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes 'as of right' and without challenge by the landowner for a period of over 20 years.

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Description of the land claimed to have qualified for registration as a Village Green

An area of land of approximately 2.4 acres (0.9 hectares) in size, situated to the rear of property numbers 1 to 21 Ursuline Drive at Westgate on Sea.

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LAND AS A VILLAGE GREEN

Application has been made to the Registration Authority, Kent County Council, by Mr. E. Bates under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008. The application seeks the inclusion in the Register of Town and Village Greens of the land described in the Schedule below which is claimed to have qualified for registration as a Town or Village Green by virtue of the use of the land for the purposes of lawful sports and pastimes 'as of right' and without challenge by the landowner for a period of over 20 years.

If the Registration Authority is satisfied that the land described below qualifies for registration as a Town or Village Green, it will so register the land.

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Please note that any representations that are to be taken into account by the Registration Authority in reaching a decision on the application cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain during the processing of the application. Copies of any objections or representations received will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

Description of the land claimed to have qualified for registration as a Village Green

An area of land of approximately 2.5 acres (1 hectare) in size, situated at the junction of Church Road and Back Lane in the parish of Goudhurst.

PROW - IN THE BOROUGHS OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS MR551, MR552, MR552A, MR553, MR554, MR555/WT170, MR557, MR557A, MR558/WT183 AND WT172

IN THE PARISHES OF CAPEL AND EAST PECKHAM

(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS MR551, MR552, MR552A, MR553, MR554, MR555/WT170, MR557, MR557A, MR558/WT183 AND WT172)

(PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS)

TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(3), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTIONS 16A - C AS INSERTED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 1.

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpaths:

MR551 between National Grid Reference NGR TQ 667 473 & NGR 669 478
MR552 between NGR 669 474 & the River Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547)

MR552A between NGR 669 474 & NGR 667 473 (junction with public footpath MR554),
MR553 between Banbridges Road and NGR 673 477

MR553 between NGR 670 476 & NGR 668 476 (public footpath MR551)

MR554 between NGR 667 473 & NGR 667 474 (public footpath MR551)

MR555/WT170 between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 657 470

MR557 between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 659 471

MR557A between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 664 471

MR558/WT183 between NGR 663 471 & NGR 665 469

WT172 between NGR 665 469 & NGR 665 470

The paths will be closed for a maximum of 22 days from the 16 June until the 7 July 2012, because works are planned on or near them and there is a likelihood of danger to users. It is expected that some routes will be closed later and reopened earlier.

The paths will be closed 29 June to the 1 July, inclusive, under the provisions of the Special Events Act 1994, to facilitate the holding of the Hop Farm Festival 2012.

Safe alternative routes will be available and waymarked for the duration of the closure.

A map showing both the routes closed and the alternative routes available may be viewed at kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

For detailed enquiries please contact:

Michele Snodin or David Munn

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
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Maidstone
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Dated: 3rd June 2012

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For further information, please contact

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

KENT POLICE AUTHORITY AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Sections 14 and 15 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003:-

- From 18 June 2012 to 13 July 2012, between the hours of 10am and 4pm, Mondays to Fridays, any person interested, on application to the Treasurer at the Kent Police Authority, Gail House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6NB, may inspect and make copies of the accounts of the above named authority for the year ended 31st March 2012, and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, and receipts relating thereto.
- From 16 July 2010 until the audit is closed local government electors for the area to which the accounts relate may exercise their rights under sections 15 and 16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to question the auditor about or make objections to the accounts. The external auditor, Darren Wells, can be contacted at: Audit Commission, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4HQ.



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MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-
Name of Premises: **Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover**
Applicant: **Julia Bensted**
The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.
Catriona Anley
Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives
Kent History and Library Centre
James Whatman Way
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ

PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

H. APPS trading as Excell Electrical Event Solutions of 7 Castweazole, Rolvenden Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6UA is applying for a licence to use Fridd Farm, Betherden, Ashford, Kent TN26 3DX as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailer.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

**A2042 BAD MUNSTEREIFEL ROAD, ASHFORD (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public and workforce whilst gas mains replacement works are being carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose a temporary eastbound mandatory speed limit of 40 mph on the A2042 Bad Munstereifel Road, Ashford.

The section of road affected is on the eastbound carriageway, from the junction with Romney Marsh Road to where it becomes designated as the A2070 Trunk Road.

This Order comes into force on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed, and applies when the relevant speed limit signs are displayed on site.

BOND ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway works prior to resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bond Road, Ashford, on or after 22 June 2012, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with William Road and Jemmott Road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Jemmott Road, B2229 Beaver Lane and Beaver Road.

Access to Mayhew Close and Grantley Close will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

**BROMLEY GREEN ROAD, RUCKINGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bromley Green Road, Ruckinge, on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Ashford Road.

The alternative route is via Ashford Road, Capel Road and Bromley Green Road.

HIGH STREET, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of repairs to the granite sets in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street, Ashford, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with North Street and Wellesley Road.

The alternative route is via North Street, Park Street, Edinburgh Road, A292 Somerset Road and Wellesley Road.

The One-way Traffic Order will be suspended between North Street and Wellesley Road to allow access from either direction, up to the point of closure.

ULLEY ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to lay a new electricity cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ulley Road, Ashford, on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Faversham Road.

The alternative route is via Faversham Road and Upper Vicarage Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

**CHURCH LANE, SEASALTER, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to install traffic calming measures, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane, Seasalter, Whitstable, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junction with Heritage Close and the entrance to Rowan Tree Park, with no access for through traffic between the A299 / A299 Thanet Way and the junction with Faversham Road.

The alternative route is via A2290 (Old) Thanet Way, B2205 Borstal Hill, Joy Lane and Faversham Road.

**STATION ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow the safe use of a crane to lift building materials onto a new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Road, Whitstable, on or after 11 June 2012, as detailed below.

There will be one closure during week commencing 11 June 2012 and one closure during week commencing 18 June 2012.

The specific closure dates will be advised locally and signposted on site.

Each closure will be for up to 1 day, within the hours of 8.30 am and 4.00 pm.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of number 89.

The alternative route is via Westmead Road and Diamond Road.

**S T DUNSTAN'S STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to lay phone ducting in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Dunstan's Street (Whitstable Road), Canterbury, on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the mini-roundabout junction with London Road and the junction with Forty Acres Road.

The alternative routes are via

London Road, A2050 Harbledown By-Pass, Palmers Cross Hill, Rough Common Road, A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill and Whitstable Road

or via Forty Acres Road, Beaconsfield Road, B2248 St Stephen's Hill, St Stephen's Road, Station Road West and St Dunstan's Street.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dartford

**BOB DUNN WAY, RENNIE DRIVE AND MARSH STREET NORTH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic to accommodate the Bridge Triathlon, on Bob Dunn Way, on or after 24 June 2012 for up to 1 day and to accommodate the Midnight Man Triathlon on 18th August 2012 for 2 days on Bob Dunn Way, Rennie Drive and Marsh Street North or until the event have been completed.

The road will be closed.

There will be no East bound access for through traffic for the Bridge Triathlon on the 24th June 2012 from the hours of 5:00am to 10:00am and for the Midnight man Triathlon on 18th to 19th August from the hours of 18:00pm to 05:00am

The alternative route is via Burnham Road, Victoria Road, Home Gardens, East Hill, The Brent and Cotton Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**GLEN ROAD, KINGSDOWN, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Glen Road, Kingsdown, Deal, on or after 23 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from The Rise to north of the junction with Osborne Road.

Planned work times will be between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route is via The Rise, Ringwould Road, A258 Dover Road, Grams Road, Liverpool Road, Granville Road, Cecil Road, Kingsdown Road, Cliffe Road and Upper Street.

Some of the side roads will be closed at their junctions with Glen Road as the works progress, with local diversions.

**THE RISE, KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Rise, Kingsdown, on or after 10 June 2012 for up to 1 day, between 9.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Chalk Hill Road and Upper Street.

HIGHWAYS - East Kent

**VARIOUS ROADS, EAST KENT (SURFACE DRESSING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to prohibit through traffic on the roads detailed below.

The Order will become effective on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 2 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates for each road closure are shown below. Works will be carried out within the hours of 7.00 am and 7.00 pm, unless otherwise stated.

A further closure will be needed on each road for up to one day, approximately 7 days after original closure, to carry out road sweeping and lining.

The closure dates will be displayed by signage on site 7 days in advance. The closures will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Every effort will be made to keep to the timetable shown below. However, adverse weather conditions may prevent some roads being surfaced on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled later on in the programme, with new dates notified locally and signposted on site.

Where No Through Roads are closed, every effort will be made to maintain as much access as is safely possible. Roads are listed by District, in the order they are planned to be carried out.

SWALE

PLough ROAD, EASTCHURCH - between Eastchurch Road and Warden Road

6th June 2012

Alternative route via Eastchurch Road, Lower Road, High Street and Warden Road

WARDWELL LANE, NEWINGTON - between School Lane and High Oak Hill

6th June 2012

Alternative route via School Lane, The Street, Breach Lane, Boxted Lane & School Lane

WISSES LANE, BORDEN - between Maylam Gardens and The Street

6th June 2012

Alternative route via London Road, Borden Lane & The Street

DEANS BOTTOM, BREDGAR - between Pett Lane and Kennel Barn Road

7th June 2012

Alternative route via Pett Lane, South Green Lane & Kennel Barn Road

KENNEL BARN ROAD, BREDGAR - between South Green Lane and Deans Hill Road

7th June 2012

Alternative route via Deans Bottom, Pett Lane and South Green Lane

DEANS HILL ROAD, BREDGAR - between Kennel Barn Road and Blind Mary's Lane

7th June 2012

Alternative route via Kennel Barn Road, South Green Lane, Bicknor Road, Swanton Street and Blind Mary's Lane

CONYER QUAY, TEYNHAM - from Conyer Road, for its entire length

7th June 2012

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac; limited access may be possible when this is safe

THROWLEY ROAD, THROWLEY - between the entrance to Belmont Park Estate and Almhouse Road

7th June 2012

Alternative route via Hayward's Hill, Stalisfield Road, Church Road, Pettfield Hill Road and Almhouse Road

PERRY WOOD, SELLING - the section from Selling Court Farm heading south eastwards towards "Three Beeches"

8th June 2012

Alternative route via Beeches Road and Perry Wood

MONKSHILL ROAD, HERNHILL - between Seasalter Road and Waterham Road

8th June 2012

Alternative routes

Westbound via Highstreet Road, overbridge to A229 Thanet Way (London bound), Thanet Way, Staple Street, Staple Street Road, Head Hill, Head Hill Road and Seasalter Road.

Eastbound via Seasalter Road, Head Hill Road, Head Hill, Whitstable Road, A229 Thanet Way (coast-bound) and Highstreet Road.

CANTERBURY

BOGSHOLE ROAD / GOLDEN HILL, WHITSTABLE - between A290 Clapham Hill and the junction with Golden Hill

8th June 2012

Alternative route via A290 Clapham Hill and A2990 (Old) Thanet Way

SOUTH STREET, WHITSTABLE - between Chestfield Road and Millstrood Road

12th June 2012

Alternative route via Millstrood Road, Chestfield Road and A2990 (Old) Thanet Way

NORTH STREAM, CHISLET - between Boyden Gate Hill and the bridge over the Thanet Way

12th June 2012

Alternative route via Brook Lane, Reculver Lane, Sweechbridge Road, Heart in Hand Road, Ford Hill, Highstead and Boyden Gate Hill

CHITY LANE, CHISLET - for its entire length

12th June 2012

Alternative route via Church Lane

CONYNGHAM LANE, BRIDGE - for its entire length

13th June 2012

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac; every effort will be made to allow access and liaison will be been carried out with the school

ASHFORD

COLDBRIDGE LANE, EGERTON - between Pebbles Cross and Coldbridge Farm

13th June 2012

Alternative route via Egerton House Road, Coach Road, Boughton Road, Church Road and Woodcock Lane

MUNDAY BOIS ROAD, EGERTON - between Rock Hill Road and The Pinnock

13th June 2012

Alternative route via The Pinnock, Smarden Road, Egerton Road, New Road and Rock Hill Road

FRTTENDEN ROAD / HAREPLAIN ROAD, BIDDENDEN - between A274 Headcorn Road and A262 Sissinghurst Road

14th June 2012

Alternative routes via Hareplain Road, A262 Sissinghurst Road, High Street, A274 North Street, Headcorn Road and Frittenden Road

MOONS GREEN, WITTERSHAM - for its entire length

15th June 2012

Alternative route via Palstre Court Road, B2080 Poplar Road and Swan Street

BECKETT ROAD, APPLEDORE - between Rhee Wall Road and Becket's Bridge

15th June 2012

Alternative route via B2080 Rhee Wall, Station Road, A259 Hastings Road / Straight Lane / Guidelford Road

CAPEL ROAD, ORLESTONE - between Hamstreet Road and Dynes Lane

16th June 2012

Alternative route via Ashford Road, The Street, Cock Lane, Ruckinge Road, Hamstreet Road, Bilsington Road, Ashford Road, Stone Cross Road

DYNES LANE, BILSINGTON - for its entire length

17th June 2012

Alternative route via Stone Cross Road, Ashford Road, Cheesemans Green Road, Swanton Lane, Coopers Lane

MANOR POUND LANE, BRABOURNE - in phases between Canterbury Road and Weekes Lane / Green Lane

20th June 2012

The alternative routes depend where the road is closed, as follows

Whilst closed between Canterbury Road and Lees Road, via Canterbury Road, Woolpack Hill, Lees Road

Whilst closed between Lees Road and Weekes Lane, via Manor Pound Lane, Canterbury Road, The Street, Canterbury Road, Pilgrims Way, Hampton Lane, Plumpton

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SOUTH HILL & TAMLEY LANE, HASTINGLEIGH - between New Barn Road and The Street
21st June 2012
Alternative route via New Barn Road and The Street

SHEPWAY

HOOK WALL BRENZETT - between Hook Lane and Ashentree Lane
21st June 2012
Alternative route via Hook Lane, A259 Rye Road, Brookland By-pass, Royal Oak Lane, Clubbs Lane, Boarmans Lane, Barnhouse Lane, and Ashentree Lane

KINGS STREET, BRENZETT - between Carter Lane and Rhee Wall
21st June 2012
Alternative route via King Street, Rectory Lane, A259 Brookland Bypass and B2080 Rhee Wall

CHURCH LANE, BRENZETT - between Ashford Road and Butler Lane
22nd June 2012
Alternative route via Ashford Road and Butler Lane

BUTLER LANE, BRENZETT - between Church Lane and Ashford Road
22nd June 2012
Alternative route via Church Lane and Ashford Road

CUCKOLDS LANE, SNARGATE - for its entire length
22nd June 2012
Alternative route via B2080 Rhee Wall Road and Arrowhead Lane

NEWCHURCH - the un-named road from Newchurch to Eastbridge Road / Giggers Green Road, for its entire length
22nd June 2012
Alternative route via Giggers Green, Knoll Hill, Bonnington Road and Newchurch Road

B2063 NORTH ROAD & WEST ROAD, SHORNCLIFFE, FOLKESTONE - between Hospital Hill and Military Road
25th June 2012
Alternative route via Hospital Hill, A259 Seabrook Road, Sandgate Esplanade, Sandgate High Street and Military Road

SANDLING ROAD, POSTLING - between A20 Ashford Road (Postling Wents) and Canterbury Road (Newbarn)
25th June 2012
Alternative route via A20 Ashford Road, Beachborough and Canterbury Road.

ELVINGTON LANE, HAWKINGE - between Aerodrome Road and Crete Road West
26th June 2012
Alternative route via Aerodrome Road, A260 Spitfire Way, White Horse Hill, Canterbury Road and Crete Road West

STANDEN LANE, HAWKINGE - between Alkham Valley Road and Cowgate Lane
26th June 2012
Alternative route via Alkham Valley Road, A260 White Horse Hill, Canterbury Road, The Street And Cowgate Lane

SKEETE ROAD, LYMINGE - for its entire length
26th June 2012
There is no alternative route and limited access will maintained when safe to do so

GREEN LANE/HEMPSTEAD LANE, LYMINGE - between B2068 Stone Street and The Minnis
26th June 2012
Alternative route via B2068 Stone Street, Mockbeggar and The Minnis.

LYMBRIDGE GREEN, STOWTING - between Stone Street and Big Pett
27th June 2012
Alternative route via B2068 Stone Street, Peace Lane and Stowting Hill

BOYKE LANE, LYMINGE - between Canterbury Road and White Horse Lane
27th June 2012
Alternative route via Canterbury Road, Longage Hill and White Horse Lane

VICARAGE LANE & LICKPOT HILL, ELHAM - between junction of New Road and junction with Oak Hill
27th June 2012
Alternative route via New Road, Canterbury Road, Beresforstal Hill and Oak Hill.

STUD FARM LANE, ELHAM - between Beech Lane and Park Gate Road
27th June 2012
Alternative route via Fir Tree Hill and Beech Villa Lane

DROVEWAY/ CLAVERTYE, ELHAM - between Wheelbarrow Town and the junction with Exted Hill
28th June 2012
Alternative route via High Minnis, Gate Lane, Chapel Lane and Mount Top

CURTIS LANE, STELLING MINNIS - between Stone Street and Bossingham Road
28th June 2012
Alternative route via Bossingham Road, Wheelbarrow Town, High Minnis, Mockbegger and B2068 Stone Street.

WHATSOLE STREET, ELMSTEAD - the un-named section of road extending from Whatsole Street, between Elchin Hill and Dean Bottom
28th June 2012
Alternative route via Dean Bottom, Dean Hill, Thorn Lane, B2068 Stone Street, Lymbridge Green and Big Pett

DOVER

WINEHOUSE LANE, CAPEL-LE-FERNE - between Capel Street and New Dover Road
29th June 2012
Alternative route via Capel Street and New Dover Road

CAPEL STREET, CAPEL-LE-FERNE - between Ingleton Wood Road and bridge
29th June 2012
Alternative route via Hurst Lane, Cauldham Lane, Hockley Sole, Alkham Valley Road, Meggett Lane

SWANTON LANE, LYDDEN - between Swanton Court Farm and Lydden Hill
30th June 2012
Alternative route via Lydden Hill, Geddinge Lane, Wootton Lane, Stockham Lane and Swanton Lane

WOOTTON LANE, DENTON - between Stockham Lane and Dumbrell Hill
30th June 2012
Alternative routes - **northbound** via Stockham Lane, A260 Canterbury Road, A2 Dover Road and Geddinge Lane - **westbound** via Dumbrell Hill, A2 Dover Road, A260 Canterbury Road and Stockham Lane.

FERNFIELD LANE, ALKHAM including part of Little Everden Road - between The Street, Hawkinge and Chalksole Green Lane
1st July 2012
Alternative route via Fernfield Lane, Cowgate Lane, Standen Lane, Alkham Valley Road, Slip Lane, Green Wood Slip and Chalksole Green Lane

THORNTON LANE, EASTRY - between Heronden Road and Thornton Road
2nd July 2012
Alternative route via Heronden Road, Sandwich Road, Rose Hill, Thornton Road, Pike Road, Lower Street and Mill Lane

GOLF ROAD, DEAL - between Ethelbert Road and The Chequers Public House
2nd July 2012
There is no alternative route and limited access will maintained whenever it is safe to do so

MILL LANE, SHEPHERDSWELL - between Coldred Road and Shepherdswell Road
3rd July 2012
Alternative route via Church Hill, Shepherdswell Road, Chapel Hill, Coldred Road, Church Road and Coldred Road

KENNEL HILL, EYTHORNE - between Monkton Court Lane and Sandwich Road
3rd July 2012
Alternative route via Sandwich Road, Barville Road, A256 Whitfield By-pass and Sandwich Road

ABBEY ROAD, LANGDON & FORGE LANE, SUTTON - between the Roman Road north of Pineham and Wington Lane.
4th July 2012 for 2 days
Alternative route via Church Hill, Downs Road, Homestead Lane, Chapel Lane, Waldershare Road, Sandwich Road and Church Whitfield Road

WINGLETON LANE, SUTTON - between Sutton Lane and Forge Lane
6th July 2012
Alternative route via Vale Road, Forge Lane, Waterworks Hill, Waterworks Lane, The Street, Ringwould Road, Ripple Road, Crooked S Road, Chapel Lane and Sutton Road

LUCERNE LANE, LANGDON - between the junction with Old Roman Road and The Street, Martin
6th July 2012
Alternative route via East Langdon Road, The Street East Langdon, Church Lane, East Langdon Road, The Street Guston, The Lane, Hangman's Lane, A258 Deal Road, Front Street, Sutton Lane and Ringwould Road

RICHBOROUGH ROAD, SANDWICH - between the property called Trevone and Cop Street Road
7th July 2012 for 2 days
Alternative route via Cop Street Road, A257 Ash By-pass, The Causeway, Ash Road and Richborough Road

GLEN ROAD, KINGSDOWN and LIVERPOOL ROAD, WALMER - from north of the junction with Osborne Road to Grams Road
7th July 2012
Alternative route via Liverpool Road, Granville Road, Kingsdown Road, Upper Street, The Rise, Ringwould Road, A258 Dover Road and Grams Road

THE STREET, NORTHBORNE - between Deal Road and Northbourne Road
7th July 2012
Alternative route via Deal Road, Willow Road and Northbourne Lane

UPDOWN ROAD, NORTHBORNE - between Northbourne Road and Ham Lane
7th July 2012
Alternative route via Updown Road, Hay Lane, Hay Hill, Brook Street, Lower Street, Dover Road, A256 Eastry Bypass, Northbourne Road, Northbourne Lane and Hay Lane.

AGESTER LANE, DENTON - for its entire length
8th July 2012
Alternative route via the road from North Elham Hill to Bunkers Hill, North Elham Hill, Golden Hill, Reece Lane, A260 Canterbury Road and The Street

WESTCOURT ROAD, SHEPHERDSWELL - between the A2 and Westcourt Lane
8th July 2012
Alternative route via Westcourt Lane, Wick Lane, A2 Dover Road, Coxhill Road, Westcourt Lane

THANET

NASH ROAD, MARGATE - between Haine Road and Shottendane Road
9th July 2012
Alternative route via Tivoli Road, Beatrice Road, Ramsgate Road, Chapel Hill, Ramsgate Road and Haine Road

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

ST JAMES ROAD, GRAVESEND - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on St James Road, Gravesend between its junction with Darnley Road and St James Street.

The Order will become effective on 6th June 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 day, between 07:00hrs - 17:00hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Darnley Road, New Road, Overcliff and St James Street.

The purpose of the closure is to provide a safe working site for operatives.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

LINCOLN ROAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of repairs to the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lincoln Road, on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Northumberland Road, Cumberland Avenue, Norfolk Road.

LIVERTON HILL, BOUGHTON MALHERBE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Liverton Hill, Boughton Malherbe, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Woodcock Lane and Green Lane.

The alternative route is via Church Road, Boughton Road, Lenham Heath Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 18th June 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name: Pleasure House Lane, East Sutton
Extent: Chartway Street to East Sutton Road
Dates: Start: 18th June 2012 End: 22nd June 2012

Diversion: East Sutton Road, Workhouse Lane, Chartway Street

Road Name: Couchman Green Lane, Staplehurst
Extent: Maidstone Road to Headcorn Road
Dates: Start: 18th June 2012 End: 22nd June 2012

Diversion: Maidstone Road, Station Road, Headcorn Road

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Road Name: Pitt Road, Broomfield and Kingswood
Extent: Chartway Street to Gravelly Bottom Road
Dates: Start: 2nd July 2012 End: 6th July 2012

Diversion: Gravelly Bottom Road, Ulcombe Road, Leeds Road, Maidstone Road, Chartway Street

Road Name: East Hall Hill, Boughton Monchelsea
Extent: Hermitage Lane to Weirton Road
Dates: Start: 2nd July 2012 End: 6th July 2012

Diversion: Hermitage Lane, Weirton Hill, Weirton Road

Road Name: Grave Lane, Staplehurst
Extent: Clapper Lane to Summer Hill Road
Dates: Start: 5th July 2012 End: 6th July 2012

Diversion: Berry Lane, Summer Hill Road, A229 Maidstone Road, Clapper Lane, Carpenters Lane

Road Name: Gore Court Road, Otham
Extent: Sutton Road to White Horse Lane
Dates: Start: 9th July 2012 End: 13th July 2012

Diversion: Water Lane, Moat Road, North Street, High Street, Biddenden Road, Biddenden Lane

Road Name: New House Lane, Headcorn
Extent: Water Lane to Bletchenden Road
Dates: Start: 16th July 2012 End: 20th July 2012

Diversion: Long Lane, Lower Farm Road, Chart Hill Road

Road Name: Tattebury Lane, Headcorn
Extent: A274 Maidstone Road to Ulcombe Road
Dates: Start: 24th July 2012 End: 27th July 2012

Diversion: A274 Maidstone Road, Mill Bank, Kings Road, Ulcombe Road

Road Name: White Horse Lane, Otham
Extent: Gore Court Lane to Honey Lane
Dates: Start: 1st October 2012 End: 5th October 2012

Diversion: Gore Court Road, Sutton Road, New Road, Honey Lane

Road Name: Otham Street, Otham
Extent: Honey Lane to Caring Road
Dates: Start: 8th October 2012 End: 12th October 2012

Diversion: Caring Road, Caring Lane, Back Street, Avery Lane, New Road, Honey Lane

Road Name: Honey Lane, Otham
Extent: Simmonds Lane to White Horse Lane
Dates: Start: 15th October 2012 End: 19th October 2012

Diversion: White Horse Lane, Sutton Road, New Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway patching works to be undertaken by KCC Highways. For further information or comment please call Gemma Catt on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Sevenoaks

HILLINGDON AVENUE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Hillingdon Avenue, Sevenoaks at the Junction with Seal Road.

The Order will become effective on 3rd June 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for use when required for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are due to commence on 4th June 2012 and are planned to last 6 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for this diversion will be via: Seal Road and Headcorn Road and vice versa.

The purpose of the restriction is to facilitate a gas mains replacement.



**PARALYMPIC ROAD CYCLING TRAINING DAY -
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION
(SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 16A**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event takes place on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads in Sevenoaks as noted in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.

The Order will become effective on 17th June 2012 and the event is to take place on 19th June 2012 with closures in place from 10:00 hrs to 21:00hrs. The restrictions/prohibitions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs in operation.

Schedule 1

The following Roads will be closed:

Road Name: A20 London Road, Farningham

Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic

Extent: From just north of it's junction with Scratches Lane to the junction with the entrance to Brands Hatch race circuit.

Road Name: Scratches Lane, Fawkham

Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic

Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Fawkham Road

Road Name: Fawkham Road, West Kingsdown

Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic

Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Scratches Lane

Road Name: Three Gates Road, Fawkham

Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic

Extent: Closed at its junction with Scratches Lane.

Road Name: Brands Hatch Road, Fawkham

Restriction: Prohibition of Traffic

Extent: Closed at its junction with Fawkham Road.

Schedule 2

Parking and No Waiting Restrictions:-

Road Name: Scratches Lane, Fawkham

Restriction: Prohibition of Parking and Waiting Order from 00:01hrs on 18th June 2012 to 21:00hrs on 19th June 2012

Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Fawkham Road.

Road Name: Fawkham Road, West Kingsdown

Restriction: Prohibition of Parking and Waiting Order from 00:01hrs on 18th June 2012 to 21:00hrs on 19th June 2012

Extent: From it's junction with A20 London Road throughout its entire length to it's junction with Scratches Lane.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:

Southbound: A20 London Road, A225 Eynsford Road, A225 High Street, A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Station Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Otford Road, A225 Seal Road, A225 High Street, A225 Maidstone Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Ightham Bypass, A225 Borough Green Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Maidstone Road, A20 London Road.

Northbound: A20 London Road, A225 Maidstone Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Borough Green Road, A225 Ightham Bypass, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Maidstone Road, A225 High Street, A225 Seal Road, A225 Otford Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A225 Station Road, A225 High Street, A225 Eynsford Road, A20 London Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Paralympic Road Cycling Training Day Event.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, CHEVENING AND RIVERHEAD)
(WIDTH RESTRICTION)
CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local traffic authority has made the above named Order under section 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984.

The effect of the Order will introduce a 6 foot-6 inch (2.0 metre) width restriction in the Parishes of Chevening and Riverhead on the following road or lengths of road;

1. Barnfield Road (Riverhead) - for its entire length.
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3. Bullfinch Dene (Chevening).
4. Bullfinch Lane (Chevening & Riverhead) - for its entire length.
5. Chesterfield Drive (Chevening) - for its entire length.
6. Chevening Road (Chevening) - for its entire length from Homedean Road in a north-westerly direction to its junction with B2211 Sundridge Road.
7. Chipstead Lane (Chevening & Riverhead) - for its entire length.
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12. High Street (Chevening) - for its entire length.
13. Homedean Road (Chevening) - for its entire length.
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18. Stanhope Way (Chevening) - for its entire length.
19. The Old Garden (Chevening) - for its entire length.
20. Westerham Road (Chevening) from its junction with the A25 Westerham Road north-westwards to Homedean Road (Chevening).
21. Witches Lane (Chevening & Riverhead) - for its entire length.
22. Woodfields (Chevening) - for its entire length.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation 11th June 2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the Order may be examined at the Offices of Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

**RUINS BARN ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of electricity cabling and highway improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne, on or after 6 June 2012, for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Broadak Road and Cromer Road.

The alternative route is via Broadak Road, Bottom Pond Road and Cromer Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

**VARIOUS ROADS, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER JUNE 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway microsurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Margate, on or after 6 June 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

UNION CRESCENT will be closed on 6 June 2012, between the junctions with Cecil Street and Addington Street

The alternative route is via Addington Street, King Street and Hawley Street

ST JOHN'S STREET / ADDINGTON STREET will be closed on 7 June 2012, between the junctions with Churchfields and Addington Road / Union Crescent.

The alternative route is via Churchfields, Churchfields Place, Hawley Square, Cecil Street, and Union Crescent.

St John's Road will also be closed into the cul-de-sac section and at the junction with Addington Street

The remainder of St John's Road can be reached via the above route, plus Addington Road, Victoria Road and Princes Crescent.

UNION ROW AND PUMP LANE, MARGATE will be closed on 8 June 2012.

The alternative route is via Addington Street, Union Crescent, plus Hawley Street for Union Row.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116
STOPPING UP OF LAND AT PRIESTLEY DRIVE,
TONBRIDGE**

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on Friday 13th July 2012 at 2pm for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land adjacent to Wards Hill Road as highlighted on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent County Council at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ or Tonbridge Borough Council Offices, Tonbridge Castle, Castle Street, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1BG

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund at Kent Highway Services in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 0845 247 800 (24 hour contact centre).

HIGHWAYS - District of Tonbridge & Malling

**CUCKOO LANE, TONBRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of BT cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cuckoo Lane, Tonbridge, on or after 19 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Higham Lane to Hadlow Road.

The alternative route is via A26 Hadlow Road/Cornwallis Avenue, Higham Lane.

**ISMAYS ROAD & COACH ROAD, IGHTHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ismays Road & Coach Road, Ightham, on or after 4 June 2012 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Yew Tree Cottage on Ismays Road and from Old Church House to The Pump House on Coach Road.

The alternative route for Ismays Road is via Back Lane, A227 Tonbridge Road, High Cross Road and for Coach Road is via Pine Tree Lane, Stone Street Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tunbridge Wells

**GIBBET LANE, HORSMONDEN
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway and footway improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gibbet Lane, Horsmonden, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from B2162 Maidstone Road to number 6.

The alternative route is via B2162 Maidstone Road, Furnace Lane.

**District of Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone,
Tonbridge & Malling**

**THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE STREET PARTIES
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION
(SPECIAL EVENTS ACT) ACT 1994 SECTION 16A**

Kent County Council gives Notice that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst events are being held on the highway, Kent County Council has made an Order; the effect will be to temporarily prohibit the use of Vehicles on:-

The Broadway, Lamberhurst - from Memorial Hall to junction with the B2100 - 1130hrs to 1700hrs on 3rd June 2012 - diversion via the A21.

B2079 Balcombe Hill, Goudhurst - Junction with A262 High Street to Doctors Surgery - 0900hrs to 1700hrs on 3rd June 2012 - diversion via the A262 and A21.

Teston Road, Offham - adjacent to the village green - 1230hrs to 1700hrs on 3rd June 2012 - diversion via A20 and A228.

A227 The Street, Ightham -entire length - 0900hrs to 1700hrs on 2nd June 2012 - diversion via A25, A225 and B245.

B2010 High Street, Yalding - entire length - 2000hrs to midnight on 4th June 2012 - diversion via Vicarage Lane and Mill Lane.

The Order will become effective on 2nd June 2012. The restrictions/prohibitions specified in this notice will apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs in operation.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
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Dated 3rd June 2012

For further information, please contact

Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,

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THE INTERVIEW

Michael Winslow

Still making all the right noises

THE sound of machine-gun fire scatters the bad guys as Sgt 'Motor Mouth' Jones is victorious once again. But what's that, there was no machine gun? Where on Earth did that noise come from, then?

Very few people of a certain age will be able to deny knowledge of a comedy franchise of films that littered the 80s and early 90s. The Police Academy movies remain a wholly Marmite-type phenomenon – you either loved them or you hated them.

But all cheesy-cop-comedy fans will be delighted to know that 'the one who makes all the noises' is touring the UK this summer.

Michael Winslow, 53, takes his new stand-up show *The Man Of 10,000 Voices* to the Edinburgh Festival for the second time this year – but not before stops at both The Gulbenkian in Canterbury and the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells later this month.

The star, who has also appeared in films like sci-fi spoof *Spaceballs*, has been warming up for UK audiences with a brief tour of the Middle East, where we finally caught up with him.

A number of redirected phone calls later, the voice of an over-keen Egyptian fellow welcomed me to the conversation. After a few seconds of awkward silence, Winslow revealed himself – much to my uncomfortable gratitude.

"I've been doing good," he said. "I'm looking around and keeping my ears open – there's a lot going on."

"For me, you would be surprised by what you learn just by listening for a second and letting everybody do their thing. I learn a lot that way."

"This will be my first official tour through the UK. I have done some smaller things and promotional things, but this is my first official thing and everyone has been great."

The decision to try his hand as a comedian was not an obvious first thought for Winslow, despite the obvious appeal of his talents.

"Every so often I wonder if I should be doing this as a job and then people come up to me in the street and make noises at me and I think 'Why not? Maybe I'm having a good effect on people'. When little kids are saying 'Oi mister, can you do this one?' [British accent], I feel I am having a positive effect."

"Even here. This man in Egypt comes up and says 'Hey, you're the machine-gun guy'."

From being homeless in California to touring the UK with his stand-up routine for the first time, the Police Academy star has plenty to tell **Joe Bill**



But it wasn't plain sailing for Winslow as he scrabbled around to get his career started back in the 70s. The actor even had to sleep rough for a while as he looked for work.

He said: "I was working at an automotive car-wash where I had to fix robots. That's when I said 'You know what, I would rather be talking to these things than fixing them. Maybe it's time for me to stick my thumb out and give this a try.'

"It was one of those things where you try anything to get into that business – you will sacrifice almost anything to get there. That happened to me and I was homeless in Venice Beach, California, for a while."

"It's an open-boardwalk sort of renaissance place. There were street-performers everywhere and it was strange but magical. Me and the other homeless musicians and performers would stick together and we slept on the roof of a lifeguard tower."

While homeless, Winslow auditioned for *The Gong Show*, hosted by the idiosyncratic Chuck Barris, bagging a spot that earned him enough

cash to buy a car and some notoriety.

He said: "The big break always comes in pieces. I know of very few overnight successes because it usually takes years. For me it has been in portions. You lift yourself up by your own boot-straps, I guess. A little piece at a time."

He soon moved to LA to perform in comedy clubs and opened for other performers, including jazz legend Count Basie. It was there that he was spotted by producers Hugh Wilson and Paul Manslanski, who immediately wrote him into the script of *Police Academy*.

"They came to one of my shows and they literally wrote me into the script where my character didn't exist before."

"I didn't know what I wanted to do with my career, but *Police Academy* put me in the game."

"When good things happen, take it. After the first *Academy*, I ended up doing some wonderfully odd films, including Mel Brooks's *Spaceballs*. I was scheduled to be there for two days and ended up staying for three weeks just

watching everybody do what they were doing.

"It was like taking college because I was learning so much. And then after that a few other things popped up and I was just glad to have it and to be working."

It was as a youngster that Winslow developed his skill to imitate noises such as plane engines after being born on an airbase to parents Robert and Verdie.

"I don't know how the noises work – I don't know the scientific equation for it. When you get into the CSI of it, I don't think I actually want to know."

But he could not have predicted how much he would be taken to the hearts of the American people and he especially couldn't have predicted his continued fame in the UK.

"I love it in the UK. I'm a fan of this movie I saw recently called *Lock Stock And Two Smoking Barrels*. Is everybody in that movie out of their minds? Even Sting is crazy – I loved it. I have a strange sense of humour."

Winslow has already appeared on breakfast TV show *Daybreak* and sat on a number of comedy panels including ITV4's *Celebrity Juice*.

"Getting to meet Keith Lemon was fantastic because he was crazy in a completely other direction. He made me work, he made me pay attention. It's all online, it's pretty strange."

With news of an eighth *Police Academy* film in production, Winslow could be forgiven for getting back on the acting horse and leaving off the comedy circuit, but the stand-up is pretty pleased with the way things are going.

"Now number eight is coming and hopefully we will be back in people's living rooms once again. It should be out in 2013."

"I speak to the Academy guys when possible. Mahoney is doing just fine – he is giving serious consideration to doing stand-up, too. And since he always had comedy timing, I hope he does it."

Despite trying to conduct the interview professionally, I eventually gave in and asked to hear the machine-gun noise, for old time's sake.

The reply? "Hmmm, I'll load it for you, but I won't fire it... this is Egypt, after all!"

■ **Michael Winslow plays The Gulbenkian, Canterbury, on Monday, June 18. Tickets are priced at £15 (phone 01227 769076). He is then at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Sunday, June 24. Tickets cost £16 (phone 01892 530613).**

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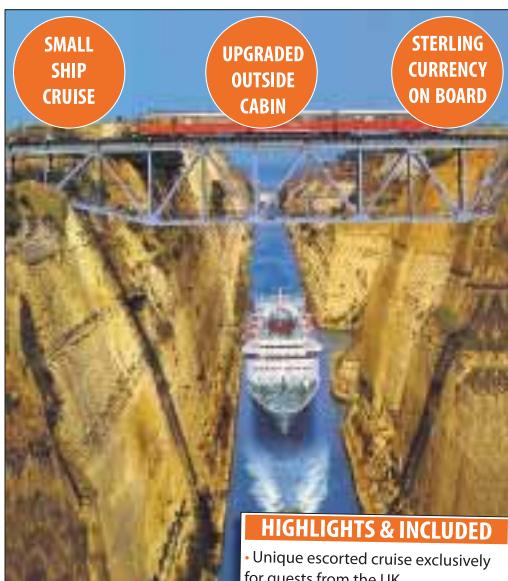
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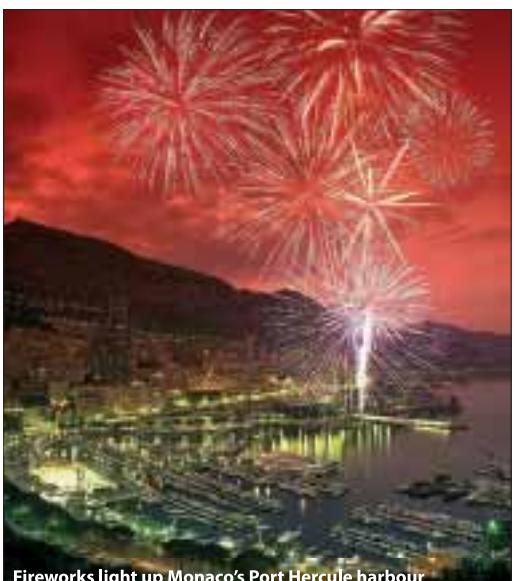
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Flavours of Kent

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Marquis and the neighbours get together to set a gold standard

No one or nowhere gets to the top of their game by accident. Witness The Marquis At Alkham, the restaurant that has impressed sufficiently far and wide to be awarded a rising Michelin star.

A concerted effort to deliver some of the finest dining in east Kent has entailed combining the talents of head chef Charlie Lakin with quality local produce, and it is paying rich dividend.

Lakin's abilities are now being recognised way beyond Kent's North Downs, among which the Marquis sits, to the point that he was selected to compete in BBC Two's Great British Menu, the show that has pitted some of the country's most gifted chefs against each other in a competition to design a menu celebrating the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The final banquet will be placed before legendary rower Sir Steve Redgrave and a host of other Olympic greats.

And in celebration of that, the Marquis invited a select group of culinary journalists along to taste the excellence of its food for themselves – and indeed sample the menu that secured Lakin his place on the TV contest.

This featured wild rabbit, soured carrots, Douglas fir needles and caper; beetroot-marinated monkfish with cauliflower and sea



KITCHEN KING: Charlie Lakin in his element

radish; fillet and braised blade of Dexter beef, Littlebourne snails, marrow bone and ransoms; and, for dessert, an Earl Grey and strawberry soufflé with gorse-flower ice-cream. A fantastic explosion of taste that made the requisite impression on all present... but not before we had visited nearby Sladden Farm, from where the superb Dexter beef originates.

It is here that the Moomin herd (it all started with 'silly old moo') of pedigree Dexter cattle has residence. At its peak the herd has totalled some 200 animals, but there are only about

half that number now. There are also 600 sheep on the site.

Sladden's high standards of husbandry and animal welfare have doubtless contributed to the herd's excellent bill of health, with no cases of BSE or bovine TB having been contracted.

Interestingly, though, with Irish cattle having no history of developing BSE, the Dexters' Irish origin meant that this disease was never going to be a problem anyway. Still, it's a good record.

Slaughter is carried out just nine miles away. As farmer Diana Smith said: "Eighteen food miles – you can't get much more local than that."

Or indeed as tasty. The whole process is kept as close to home as possible – the butchering is carried out by Lakin, with loins, for example, being hung for 28 days in the farm's cold-room on their return – and geared towards the highest possible standards that can be attained.

The results are hugely impressive, and our assembled gathering had nothing but genuine praise for what is being done at The Marquis At Alkham, Sladden Farm and indeed all those who contribute to this success story. Eat on!

Dave Mairs

■ The Marquis At Alkham, Alkham Valley Road, Alkham CT15 7DF (phone 01304 873410; website www.themarquisatalkham.co.uk)

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FOOD & DRINK**À la carte: Six of the Best****Waggon at Hale Chatham****Why here...**

Well-run pub with good food, wine and beer and a friendly atmosphere. Families are welcome and in the big garden is a mini farm with chickens, rabbits, and Cracking the miniature pig.

On the menu...

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How to book...

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County has a choice that is fit for royalty

CONFIRMED as one of the real UK hotbeds of culinary talent, Kent has more to offer from its wide range of menus than ever before.

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The choice of dishes for diners in the area is almost too wonderful to comprehend. Whether it is strictly business, with ingredients to stimulate the taste buds as well as the conversation, or a relaxed, long meal with family and friends, there's always something in this astonishing county for everyone.

Here is a selection of excellent venues all offering something different yet with

one thing in common – a commitment to culinary excellence and truly impeccable service.

Many of the county's venues pride themselves on serving top-quality Kentish produce – whether it be locally-caught fish, Romney Marsh lamb, home-produced beef or the strawberries, cherries, apples and plums from the rolling fields and orchards that make our county so special.

The choice is vast and an à la carte menu is the ideal way to ensure that diners have the chance to experience the lot. And when it comes to something to wash down the meal, what better than delicious Kentish wines, ales or ciders? They are among the best produced anywhere on Earth and becoming ever-more famous for their quality.

So which venue to choose? Here are six of the best...

**The Acorn Inn Birchington****Why here...**

The Acorn Inn is a friendly, family-run pub in the heart of the seaside village of Birchington-on-Sea. Hosts Peter and Cath offer a warm welcome to a pub that has existed since 1748.

On the menu...

There is a very good selection, from local fish dishes to succulent meaty meals on the à la carte menu. The prices provide great options for everyone, with a range of dishes from £4.95 to £18.95.

How to book...

The Acorn Inn, 6 Park Lane, Birchington CT7 0AW phone: 01843 841196 Book to avoid disappointment

**London Beach Tenterden****Why here...**

The London Beach Country Hotel offers one of the best à la carte menus in the county. With the menus changing on a regular basis, the London Beach team uses local producers where possible. The sophisticated restaurant has a relaxed ambience, with beautiful panoramic views across the Weald of Kent. It is the ideal venue for fun family gatherings, either large or small, and there is something

on the menu to suit all the family and all tastes.

On the menu...

Start your meal with Rye Bay scallops, creamed leeks and truffle dressing. Follow with roasted breast of pheasant, confit leg, cauliflower purée and terrine of Dauphinoise. Top off your meal off with Champagne panacotta with vanilla poached rhubarb.

How to book...

London Beach Country Hotel, Ashford Road, Tenterden TN30 6HX phone: 01580 766279; email: enquiries@londonbeach.com

The Red Lion Hernhill

Why here...

Located in the picturesque village of Hernehill, there is a warm, cosy atmosphere, with quality home-cooked food. Choose a drink from a varied selection of wines, beers and real ales.

On the menu...

À la carte menu has a wide selection for all tastes, with many meals under £10. This Sunday, June 3, Jubilee celebrations from 3pm-9pm... ale festival, hog roast, live music and disco on the green.

How to book...

Crockham Lane, Hernehill, Faversham ME13 9JR phone: 01227 751207 web: www.theredlion.org



Hythe Brasserie

Hythe

Why here...

Located on a sunny corner off Hythe's high street, this popular restaurant has an inviting atmosphere with a Continental feel. The brasserie is owned and personally managed by husband-and-wife team Nicki and Darragh Cartmill, who offer a warm welcome and great service. The décor at Hythe Brasserie is simple and in the summer guests can enjoy alfresco

dining in the lovely front courtyard.

On the menu...

Classical cuisine with a Celtic twist. Emphasis is on delicious flavours, perfectly blended to delight the palate, always using the best of local produce. Try the light and delicious tempura monkfish and Roman-roasted lamb shank with anchovies, rosemary and garlic.

How to book...

Hythe Brasserie, Douglas Avenue, Hythe CT21 5JT phone: 01303267912; web: info@hythebrasserie.com



Jalsha Sidcup

Why here...

A fully-licensed, air-conditioned Tandoori restaurant, open every day for lunch and dinner. There are regular tribute nights and free entertainment... don't miss the new Elvis tribute, Dean Las Vegas, on Tuesday, June 5!

On the menu...

For starters, try the medley kebab with lamb and chicken tikka plus shish kebab. A popular main from the menu is the lamb chop achari with the classic chocolate mousse for dessert

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Port Lympne, Hythe

Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10
0844 8424647
www.aspinallfoundation.org

POPULAR wild event Roar 'n' Snore will return to the grasslands at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park near Ashford, for the third year running. Taking place on Saturday, June

9 and Sunday, June 10, Roar 'n' Snore is a family camping event to suit everyone whether it will be your first experience of a night under the stars or you are a seasoned camper. On the Saturday the grasslands will host an evening barbecue after which campers can fall asleep under canvas to the sound of lions roaring in the distance and wake to an untamed and unique dawn chorus of the rumbles, squeaks and growls of the animals at the safari watering hole of Port Lympne. Prices include a barbecue and breakfast.

Green fingers at the ready Garden show

Kent Showground, Detling

Saturday to Tuesday, June 2-5
01795 474660
www.KentGardenShow.com

WHY not take a potter around the Kent Garden Show this bank-holiday weekend? You can take in the sights and smells of more than 300 exhibits and some of the finest

plants in the county. There will be interactive displays by medal-winners from the Chelsea and Hampton Court shows, among others; feature gardens; expert forums; and demonstrations. And if you are not quite as green-fingered as the other visitors, you can visit craft stalls, join in the natural history and botanical quiz or the scarecrow competition, or take in the brass band. No dogs are allowed, but children under 16 have free entry. An adult ticket is £7. Open from 9.30am-5pm.



Father Ted's star stand-up Ardal O'Hanlon

Merton Farm, Canterbury

Friday to Sunday, July 6-8
Tickets on sale now
www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk

BEST known for playing Father Dougal McGuire in the sitcom Father Ted, Ardal O'Hanlon has confirmed his attendance at this year's Lounge On The Farm festival. The stand-up comedian played opposite Dermot Morgan in the Irish sitcom that has since become a cult classic. O'Hanlon has also appeared as Turbo Man in BBC sitcom My Hero as well as regularly featuring on panel shows and playing the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The comic will be joining the likes of Phil Kay, Robin Ince and Terry Alderton at the festival in Merton Farm this year. Headlining the music list will be The Charlatans, Emilie Sande, The Mystery Jets, Goldie, Roots Manuva and The Milk. Full-priced tickets cost £115.



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The Barber of Seville
Saturday 16th June
7.30pm (gates open 6.30pm)
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On the Gate: £35.00



KENT LIFE

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS



Micky is ready for Margate Flanagan fun

Winter Gardens, Margate

Tickets on sale now
01843 292795
margatewintergardens.co.uk

TOP stand-up comedian Micky Flanagan has announced a date at Margate's Winter Gardens next year as part of his much-anticipated Back In The Game tour.

Flanagan has become one of the biggest stars in British comedy during the last two years, hence the announcement of the mammoth 57-date tour. For his last Out Out show, Flanagan sold more than 200,000 tickets and has 2012's No 1-selling stand-up DVD. Performances on the small screen have earned him a British Comedy Awards nomination and The Sun's Comedian Of The Year title. Flanagan arrives at Margate in February next year, but tickets are on sale now and expected to go fast.

Painting the Pantiles Art society pieces

The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells

Free entry every day
Saturday, June 30-Sunday, July 15
www.rtwas.org

THE Royal Tunbridge Wells Art Society will hold its summer exhibition at the end of June. This is the second of three open exhibitions each year showcasing the variety of work produced by the members.

The society runs workshops throughout the year in its premises at the end of the historic Pantiles. These include teaching such skills as life-drawing, portraits from models and weekly talks and demonstrations by artists.

In the summer there are outdoor painting excursions and further exhibitions by the portrait group and others. The emphasis is on enjoyment and new members are warmly welcomed, from experienced artists to beginners.



Still bossing the airwaves Charlie Dore

Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells
Saturday, June 9
01892 678 678

WIDELY held to be among the UK's finest singer-songwriters, Charlie Dore is one of the few British female artists to secure a Top 20 hit in the US, courtesy of her enduring radio

classic Pilot Of The Airwaves. Her songs have been used by a Who's Who of popular music, including Tina Turner, George Harrison, Lisa Stansfield, Paul Carrick and Celine Dion. Her chart success has continued with a UK No 1, Ain't No Doubt, sung by Jimmy Nail. Dore's voice is described as "small, pearly and oddly timeless" and her songs "an eclectic collection of genre-defying styles borrowed from folk, country, Django Reinhardt and The Beatles." See www.trinitytheatre.net for more details about the gig.



The return of the conductor Proms night

The Orchard, Dartford
Saturday, June 17, at 7.30pm
01322 220 000
www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

CONDUCTOR Steve Bell is heading back to lead the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's Last Night Of The Proms. The musician will take the place of Gavin Sutherland, who has had to withdraw from conducting this year's event due to other work commitments. However, Bell, who conducted the same concert last year, has stepped in to fill the role and will be leading the orchestra when it comes to The Orchard next month. Celebrate the joys of summer as Last Night Of The Proms takes you through a programme of glittering orchestral gems and popular favourites. These include Arne's Rule Britannia, Tchaikovsky's Polonaise, Parry's Jerusalem, Gershwin's Summertime and many more.

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STAGE & ARTS

New murder-mystery play Work it out...

Arden Theatre, Faversham
Thu to Sat, June 7-9
Tickets £12
01795 590008

SIGNED In Blood is the new murder-mystery play created and directed by Faversham writer Brian Booth. The new show is the 15th that Booth has written and follows the hugely-successful Killer Heels, which was on stage earlier this year. Set in a West Country hotel in the summer of 1931, a woman's body is discovered, with the only clue she left being two letters, written in her own blood. Helping the police inspector try to solve the murder is Miss Melchin, who is far brighter than the inspector, and she soon discovers that the hotel's remaining guests and staff are not all telling the truth. Follow the clues, ask the questions and find answers... Tickets cost £12, which includes an individual buffet box served at the interval.



Terrible tales from our past Just horrible!

The Orchard, Dartford
Tue to Sat, June 19-23
01322 220000
www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

IMAGINE the Spanish Armada firing cannonballs into the audience and Henry VIII getting axe-happy with his wives... well, now you can see it all with the Horrible

Histories theatre tour. The much-loved show now features ground-breaking 3D special effects as well as the chance to watch two astounding shows, Vile Victorians and Terrible Tudors. Learn about the killer king Henry VIII and his daughter evil Elizabeth, and hear the legend of the torturing Tudors. Audiences will have to dodge the rotten railway and prepare for the Charge of the Light Brigade as the Vile Victorians take their turn. Tickets cost between £13 and £17, plus a booking fee.

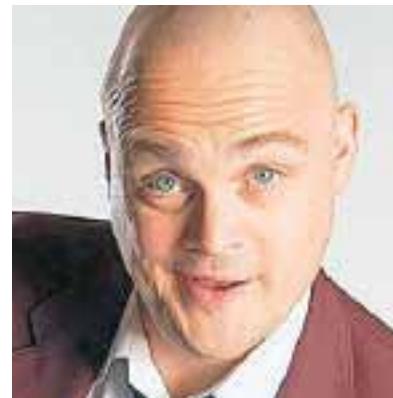
The only way is... the pub Al Murray

Quaterhouse, Folkestone
Wed and Thu, June 20-21
01303 858500
www.quarterhouse.co.uk

ONE of the most recognisable faces in British stand-up comedy, Al Murray is bringing his new stand-up show to Folkestone's Quarterhouse for a two-date stop next month.

Best known as his loudmouth alter-ego, The Pub Landlord, Murray has bagged his own TV shows as well as appearances on the panel circuit and a stint in Hell's Kitchen.

Never too scared to say what he feels, the man serving the pints is sure to entertain the intimate audience at Quarterhouse with a memorable night. The Only Way Is Epic will see the irrepressible innkeeper serving up his premier brew of ale-inspired acumen and bar-room buffoonery once more. Prepare to laugh...



Dangers of the deep Aquatic predators

Blue Reef Aquarium, Hastings
Saturday to Sunday, June 2-10
01424 718776
www.bluereefaquarium.co.uk

VISITORS to Blue Reef Aquarium will come face to face with the aquatic world's most fearsome predators in a special event. The dangerous beasts range from sharks and poison-tipped lionfish to jellyfish and some of the world's most toxic species of frog. They will also be able to find out more about the aquarium's other potentially-dangerous inhabitants, including electric rays, giant octopus, archerfish, moray eels and puffer fish. Designed to appeal to visitors of all ages, the event includes talks, feeding demonstrations and quizzes.

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First-time buyers like what they see at new Darland View project

MOAT, Crest Nicholson and Medway Council have launched Darland View, a new development offering a mix of two-, three- and four-bedroom houses.

Of the 47 homes, 28 will be available for shared ownership through Moat, with the remaining 19 for affordable rent, through West Kent Housing Association.

Part-funded by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), Darland View is already proving popular with first-time buyers.

At the sales launch, seven reservations were made.

New residents can expect high-quality, designed, fitted kitchens, washing-machine and fridge-freezer; a groundfloor cloakroom and family bathroom on the first floor and allocated parking.

Attendees praised the speed of the development team, which only started on site in October 2011 and has already reached first handover stage.

Completion is expected in December 2012.

Moat chief executive Brian Johnson said: "In the current economic climate, shared ownership provides first-time buyers with a step on to the property ladder."

"This scheme is the result of effective partnership working between Moat, Crest Nicholson, Medway Council and West Kent Housing Association but, most importantly, substantial consultation with local residents."

James Moody, managing director at Crest Nicholson Eastern, said: "We are delighted to be working again with Medway Council and Moat to bring affordable housing to Gillingham.

"It has been well reported that every house built generates jobs. Aside from delivering much-needed family housing, developments like this are helping to grow the local economy and keep the construction sector growing.

"We are committed to helping people take their first steps on the property ladder."

BOVIS Homes is calling on house-buyers to make their move soon if they are going to make the most of its stamp-duty holiday.

The housebuilder has developments at Abbeys Place in Minster, Aspire in Singlewell, near Gravesend, and Meadowbank in Great Easthall Farm, Sittingbourne, where Bovis Homes could still pay stamp duty for a home priced between £125,000 and £250,000, meaning you save up to £2,500.

"When the Government's own extremely successful stamp-duty holiday finished in March we picked up the baton and decided to carry it on until the end of June," said Kevin Wilkins, Bovis Homes group marketing director.

"Unlike the Government's scheme, we are also including existing homeowners, as well as first-time buyers, so everyone can benefit.

"A number of Kent homebuyers have made the most of the holiday, but those still waiting to make their move should realise that they only have about a month to complete their home purchase and have all stamp duty paid on properties up to £250,000.

"They can find out full details of the development and homes they are interested in on our website and make an appointment with our sales adviser. They can then find out about the quality of a Bovis Home, our high specification and how much they could save if we pay all their stamp duty."

Bovis Homes offers a number of other purchase-assistance schemes on selected properties and was the first housebuilder in the UK to help a customer move in using the Government-backed 95 per cent NewBuy mortgage and Home Exchange scheme exclusively for movers.

"The feedback we get from customers is that they buy new because they love the feeling of moving into a new home that hasn't belonged to anyone else," said Wilkins.

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PROPERTY

Action at Deal business park offers a variety of options for companies

QUINN Estates has secured a major new tenant at Deal Business Park after completing a new 12,000 sq ft building for MKM, the UK's largest independent builders' merchants.

Mark Quinn, director of Quinn Estates, said: "MKM have shown confidence in our ability to deliver a quality building, and on the back of this deal we have been able to pre-let or sell 80 per cent of our first phase as local businesses see the importance of being located on the same park as such a thriving business as MKM."

It is anticipated that MKM will create 25 jobs for the area, with the remainder of Phase 1 of the project adding another 22 jobs.

Meanwhile, deals are still to be done at Deal Business Park, where new commercial units are available, starting at 1,000 sq ft with

valuable trade counter use. Prices start at £115,000.

Phase 1 is already 70 per cent sold or let, with occupiers appreciating the ability to work out of a clean, modern unit in an established business location.

Mr Quinn said: "We have worked extremely hard over the past six years to make this scheme happen, and the off-plan sales are testament to the fact we have a great location with a great product suitable for a whole variety of business types."

■ To discuss options and how Quinn Estates can fulfil your commercial property requirements, please do not hesitate to email alastair@quinn-estates.com, phone 01227 831212 or visit www.quinn-estates.com.

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It's out with the old and in with the new

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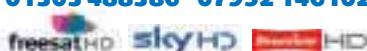
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Great Wall's Steed leads way for the Chinese UK revolution

Driving

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By Steve Loader

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MAZDA'S new CX-5 is not just the sporty Japanese marque's first venture into the crossover/compact SUV sector.

It's also a statement of where the company sees its immediate future.

Priced from £21,395, it's the first car to show off Mazda's Skyactiv technology: shorthand for greater production efficiencies, dramatic weight-saving and optimisation of the internal combustion engine to extract most power for the lowest consumption and emissions, with consequent tax benefits for company-car user-choosers.

Others have taken the last route already, but Mazda is the first to be honest and say 'Look, we're not ruling out electric, hydrogen or whatever cars from our plans, but these will take a long time to dominate the market. Short-term, we would rather have a decent slice of a big pie than a wee portion cut from a tiddler'.

A subtext here is that this relatively small player would also rather avoid the development costs of such technology now, possibly licensing it later from those who have taken the hit and want to offload some of the debt.

And the CX-5 is a powerful argument for Mazda's no-nonsense stance. That it's also good to drive highlights another point: current electric and hybrid eco cars may lower emissions and fuel consumption, but only the Vauxhall Ampera/Chevrolet Volt is interesting to drive – and I'm not talking pedal-to-the-metal fun here, but simply getting from A to B.

There's nothing radical about the CX-5's styling, mind you. Mazda says the car is the first expression of its new Kodo design language, but it looks a bit Nissan Qashqai-cum-Hyundai ix35, so it's hardly original. It is smart, though, and particularly in fully spec'd-up all-wheel drive mode, from £24,695.

However, the more economical/eco-friendly front-wheel-drive-only models will be the bigger sellers and, while the all-wheel versions feel predictably better planted on twisty roads, keen drivers will still enjoy the 'cooking versions'.

Built-in lightness means the high-riding CX-5 corners with a flat attitude, while ride quality and bump absorption is excellent, but the 165ps (163bhp) 2.0-litre petrol version – the keenly-priced entry model – does not feel quite as settled on-road as the 2.2-litre diesel alternative available in 150ps (148bhp) and 175ps (173bhp) outputs.

It's lively enough, too, but can't match the diesel pair for refinement under pressure.

All come with automatic-engine stop-start for sluggish traffic conditions and are fun to drive, with Mazda going to great pains to give the CX-5 a short-throw manual change worthy of its famous MX-5 roadster. The cabin is spacious and typically well arranged; in functionality and ambience it's very close to one of its obvious rivals, the VW Tiguan, though you get more for your money with the CX-5.



MAZDA CX-5

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Mazda looking to the here and now with Skyactiv technology



ALL-NEW MODEL:
Mazda's CX-5 is the Japanese car-maker's first venture into the SUV sector and is also the first of its cars to incorporate the new Skyactiv technology, which aims to reduce weight and emissions



DON'T LIKE

... the lack of cabin character. It all works well, but VW and Skoda have 'functional and plodding' sewn up – more character, please, Mazda



NOT SURE

... the styling is radical enough, either, though the gaping maw of a grille does make the CX-5 stand apart from crossover/SUV lookalikes



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Chinese invasion of UK roads is riding in from the Great Wall

By Sam Davison

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I CAN'T help noting that the first of many Chinese motor brands tipped to invade the UK is named after the Great Wall of China – apparently built to resist invasions.

More worrying, though, is that Great Wall Motors is less than 40 years old and was only allowed to build trucks until 2008 yet has since become China's biggest producer of SUVs.

However, it has chosen one of its other success stories, the Steed pick-up, to establish an invasion beachhead.

With a starting price of just £13,998 for the standard four-door cab, after the usual commercial vehicle-tax deductions, it won't struggle – similarly-equipped rivals cost thousands more.

Apart from that aggressive pricing, it's also shrewd to launch a brand with a pick-up; worries about depreciation with an unknown name can be largely discounted as real-world buyers tend to run them into the ground and then go again.

The Steed certainly looks robust enough to handle workhorse environments like construction or farming, while a large load area plus four-door/five-seat cab means it's versatile, too.

The reinforced cargo bay is 1,380mm long, 1,460mm wide and 480mm deep and the maximum payload is 1,050kg, while the Steed will tow 2,000kg with a 'braked' trailer and 750kg unbraked.

Great Wall claims that the vehicle's gutsy 2.0-litre turbodiesel offers class-leading fuel economy – 34mpg on the official combined cycle – and the lowest insurance rating (from 7A) in the pick-up sector.

When the terrain gets more challenging, the driver can engage the low-range gearbox, as well as 'on demand' four-wheel-drive – the latter at speeds of up to 12mph.

Within the keen pricing, Great Wall includes an astonishing range of standard kit.

The Steed S entry model has 16-inch alloys,

PUTTING IT TO THE TEST... A PROFESSIONAL'S VIEW

Mike Gibbs, director of RJ Gibbs & Sons of Aldington, Ashford

■ MIKE'S company – established more than 40 years – is known for its expertise in listed renovations/conversions and sympathetic new-builds and recently appeared on the Channel 4 TV series *The Restoration Man*.

We reckoned: "Here's a bloke who'll know if the Great Wall's up to the task..."

"Toyota's Hilux was the 'daddy' for so long and I still have an old one, but my four-cab Nissan Navara is tops with me now and won a recent Farmers Weekly group test."

"I looked at the Isuzu Rodeo and VW Amarok before buying the Nissan. The Isuzu was great value, but I knew a new model was on the way. I liked the VW but would have had to wait for ages to get one and it was pricey."

"A pick-up is a good tool for people like me. Obviously it's great to be able to put stuff in the back and move guys around from site to site and even take the family out



at weekends, but it's also about being able to tow gear. And you need serious power and towing capacity to be able to move a digger or other heavy machines."

"The Navara has plenty of both, whereas the Great Wall has less in both areas and feels a bit agricultural on the road – pick-ups have come a long way lately."

"I can't argue with the Great Wall's value, but for someone like me who has to make his pick-up truck work then it's probably not going to stand up to real rough treatment; the leather seats, for instance, don't look as hard-wearing as those on the Navara."

"It also looks suspiciously like an old-generation Isuzu."

PULLING POWER: The Steed offers a lot of car for little money, which should attract buyers

remote central locking, Thatcham-approved Category 1 alarm, electric windows, sound system with USB/MP3 and Bluetooth connectivity, steering-wheel audio controls, air-con, heated front seats and full leather interior.

For £2,000 more, the Steed SE flagship gains body-coloured hard-top canopy and spoiler,

extra chrome trim, black roof rails, load bay liner and rear parking sensors.

■ Just 40 Great Wall dealers have been appointed for now – Kent's is Express Garage at Herne Bay – and the Steed is covered by the industry's standard three-year/ 60,000-mile warranty.

First GEAR MOTORING NEWS



Roadster has ideal parents

MAZDA and Fiat have teamed up to develop the next-generation MX-5, current car pictured, and a new Alfa Romeo roadster, using the classic rear-wheel-drive layout of the Mazda icon – recent Alfa Spyders have been front-driven.

Both companies stress that the new models will each have their own unique styling and engines, which should please fans of both brands.



'BMW 7' given hybrid option

BMW has announced pricing (from £58,115) for its latest-generation 7 Series, director-level car, due on sale here in September.

Despite its bulk, there will be great emphasis on economy and low emissions, according to the German carmaker, and for the first time a hybrid option: a 3.0-litre six-cylinder engine paired with an electric motor, allowing for electric-only driving at times.



Generation six for the Merc SL

MERCEDES-BENZ has the latest SL roadster arriving this month priced from £72,495.

Great emphasis has been placed on making this new sixth-generation car lighter using mostly aluminium construction – the technique is a first for the German premium marque – as well as good to look at.

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Lexus hybrid gets cool new look

By Steve Loader

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HYBRID powertrains work particularly well on bigger cars.

They are better able to absorb the weight and space taken up by the batteries needed for the electric half of the driving power.

Nowhere has this been proved more effectively than on the Lexus RX SUV, which now sells only in hybrid form; the petrol-only RX version was deleted from the UK sales list several years ago once buyers appreciated the economy and, in the case of company-car user-choosers, tax-efficiency of the hybrid RX.

This spacious, eco-friendly and yet still powerful SUV of the 'you can have your cake and eat it' variety has now had a makeover, becoming the first other Lexus to get the corporate face of the all-new GS executive saloon arriving soon. It also gets a restyled and sharper-looking rear end.

All of which works wonders for the looks of the RX450h line-up generally, and there is also a dynamic-looking F Sport grade model for the first time, too.

But there's more than cosmetics to get excited about: Lexus says the F Sport introduces new handling and ride comfort levels to go with the sporting label, while equipment levels across the range have been boosted above the usual generosity shown by Toyota's luxury brand.

All versions get a much-improved cabin, featuring a new steering wheel, incorporating a



new selector switch for the hybrid system's drive modes, which now include Sport selection.

This modifies the throttle and electric power-steering settings to gain faster responses and programmes the Vehicle Stability Control system and traction control for less intrusive operation, allowing the driver to fully exploit the car's dynamic abilities.



This plays to the RX's dual-personality strength: on one hand it is that rare beast, an eco-friendly SUV, but both petrol and electric powertrains can also combine to deliver genuine power and performance.

Lest you forget its primary purpose, though, a shift to Sport mode changes the ambient illumination of the instrument panel from blue to red. New RX prices start at £44,495 for the SE entry model, rising to £55,495 for the Premier flagship model, but it is the £51,995 F Sport, pictured here, that is likely to get all the attention.

Apart from standing apart in the looks department with its deep front bumper and mesh grilles, the spec also includes dark-finish 19-inch alloys, aluminium-effect sports pedals and trim inserts, F Sport smooth leather seats, scuff plates with the Lexus logo in black and a bespoke stitched-leather steering wheel, aircraft-style head-up display and adaptive LED headlights.

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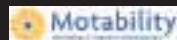
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LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387743

ANNE 60, Christian, WLTM similar person. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390496

FEMALE 48, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383787

CHRISTIAN lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565

JUNE good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for tlc. Genuine replies only pls. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301

46YR old young, curly single mum, easygoing, caring, GSOH, wants to live and love, seeks honest man, 35-55 for genuine relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387143

MONIQUE black, looking for N/S gentleman, 50-60 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391220

WELL educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136

BUBBLY female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390815

YOUTHFUL 52yr old female, old fashioned, seeks N/S male, 52-56 to have a talk and laugh with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390771

ELIZABETH 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390990

51YR old attractive Queen of the Jungle, seeking genuine, caring older gent for uncomplicated times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390916

SARAH 40, large, tactile, likes cuddles, walks, cinema, beach, meals out, seeking male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390912

AFFABLE serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading, nature, theatre, music WLTM genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411

LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331

SENSUAL 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309

BECKY 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTM Right if he is out there? ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305

MICHELLE fit trendy 40's female, nice, good job, OHAC, fun to be with, looking for honest, trustworthy male for friendship, poss ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387575

LOUISE young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387589

DONNA 24yr old single nurse, curly, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTM mature male for romance 25-45s. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117

SARAH 27yr old single mum, independent, very pretty, GSOH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391097

DENISE very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386225

ATTRACTIVE lady 45, medium build, fair hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks kind gent for companionship and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383987

SUSAN very pretty curly blue eyed girlie girl, WLTM genuine male seeking a classy blonde for a mutually loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391085

JACKIE 32 attractive classic professional, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy/trim, well travelled, feminine, smart, seeks male, 40-50s. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391013

JAYNE honest sincere attractive lonely professional, OHAC, looking for fun times with similar lonely gent, age/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390985

MARIE 45, Irish, GSOH, seeking male with GSOH and lots of energy for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391222

JACKIE late 40's, attractive, slim, fun to be with, looking for friendship, maybe more. Enjoy walking, nights in and meals out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389283

BERYL 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503

Hi I'm a 40 yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643

TINA new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30 year old looking for male companion 30-50s. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389733

CHARLIE young 37yr old blonde attractive female, OHAC, no ties, new to the area and dating scene, looking to find love with genuine available male, 25-42 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382163

LAURA single female 22yrs, blonde, blue eyes, very attractive with curly figure, WLTM older male for fun times only. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387049

AMANDA 25yr old easygoing singleton looking for fun times only with mature male, 35-55. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388625

SARA 31 tall sexy and single, social WLTM tall down to earth stable male for poss ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 515 7112 Box No: 38731

ATTRACTIVE 48yr old lady, slim blonde hair, blue eyes, likes travel, cooking, working out seeking loving man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390868

JACQUELINE 51, 5ft 8ins, green eyes, auburn hair, likes theatre, walks, seeks honest, down to earth, sincere fun man for good times, friendship and nights out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387593

ALICE 18yr old tall blonde carefree student, looking for exciting male 18-30 for good times only. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107

MANDY 45, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blue/green eyes, trendy, seeks tall, N/S male of similar age with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384555

HII I'm Jo, petite, pretty, fed up with own company, seeking male to help me get back into the swing of things, for a special someone for LTR, late 50's or 60's with own cat. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387103

LISA blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, seeks fun loving, adventurous male, 45-52 for friendship, fun and who knows what else. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389020

WENDY cuddly 52yr old romantic, GSOH, N/S, likes reading, cinema, meals out, seeks male, 45-55 with GSOH to be my Knight in shining armour. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386144

MARION 38, slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383159

IRENE looking for happy go lucky relationship with trustworthy male for romantic evenings in, quiet nights out, passionate weekends away and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381701

VAL compassionate outgoing female with a big heart and no preconceptions just looking for love with similar minded male. Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383155

NICOLE lonely and looking for love, cultured, intelligent, creative and looking for sincere mate for mature loving ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388145

JACQUELINE blue eyed attractive petite blonde, fit/active and social looking to meet similar kind male for ltr and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388137

TRIXI looking for older respectful gentleman for fun times only. I am bubbly very fun and can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388135

YVONNE professional 35yr old female looking for someone to relax with, affectionate attractive and looking for same. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388111

SANDY slim attractive green eyed female, loves romantic walks, animals, WLTM loving caring guy for tactile relationship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388109

ROBERT 31, 6ft, blondish hair, blue eyes, fun loving, single, seeking female with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390945

FRISKY filly 48-60 wanted by experienced jockey, me 56yr old nice easygoing fell. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389411

EASYGOING broadminded passionate male, seeks lady of any age for passion and exciting friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389393

DAVID light hearted positive 58yr old male, has high expectation of what can offer a woman aged between 30-52. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383275

DARK haired male, slim, seeks female of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391002

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DEBBIE 5ft 8ins, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 8ins, slim, 47, likes gym, cinema, bowling, eats out, concerts, single mum, seeks male for friendship, maybe more Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390362

KIRSTY 44yr going on 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386337

JEANETTE big brown eyed busty size 10 with lots of interest, searching for a sincere man to share love and life with. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386275

DEBS 38 green eyed sophisticated blonde, attractive size 12, not looking for anything long term or steady just fun with intelligent male, 30-60s. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386273

SUE young looking vivacious female with great sense of humour, OHAC, independent, interesting and sensual, seeking single tactile male, ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386226

SARAH 40's black hair, blue eyes, curly, outgoing, N/S, likes meals out, cosy nights in, seeking tall, good looking male who loves a laugh. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388626

DISCREET 24, slim blonde with blue eyes, single mum of one, broadminded and extremely easygoing, WLTM genuine male for LTR. Dads welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385369

BECKY single 29yr old slim female, attractive, blonde, seeking good times with fun male who does not take life too seriously. Status/age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390936

ERNEST looking for nice friendly lady, 60-70 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390635

ROB early 50's, slim, attractive, friendly, GSOH, likes company, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389445

MARK 36, 5ft 8ins, average build, happy go lucky, GSOH, varied interests, seeks female for friendship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391298

CHRIS 5ft 3ins, 53, looking for someone to bring some sunshine back into life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391299

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MALE 56, lots of spare time, seeking lady 40 plus to spice up life with uncomplicated friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390795

YACHT owning male, 52, seeks laughing lady who needs excitement and friendship. Hants/West Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390195

SINGLE male, 43, likes pubs, clubs, nights in, seeks young lady 25-45. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390876

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CHRIS 53, seeking female to put the sunshine back into life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391573

MALE 56, tall, slim, N/S, up for anything, seeks NS female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386045

KEELY blonde 18yr old, blue eyes size 10, busty, stays at home too much and looking for casual fun with older male with OHAC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385377

GEORGINA likes horses, dogs, walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386426

WENDY enjoys most things in life and is up for anything, whatever you fancy? I'm willing to help it go! Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386426

NIKY tall, slim, single, N/S, up for anything, seeks NS female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391332

SLIM tall, elegant, feminine, NS, solvent lady, young 50's, loves travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gent of high calibre. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388071

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SUB bi guy 59, well built, seeks male for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389106

MALE 42, clean shaven, seeks younger playmate for fun and games. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385465

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